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My name is Tasha Cusson and I work at my family's boat dealership and marina in Westbrook, CT.

Thank for the opportunity to discuss and share my thoughts on H.B. 5055, AN ACT DECREASING WAIT TIMES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

I am asking for your support of H.B. 5055, AN ACT DECREASING WAIT TIMES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

I can tell you on a personal experience that I've recently been affected by a computer error and was unable to register a vehicle. After going to my local town hall and proving that I was never late or missed a tax payment, I was cleared as the State corrected their error with no explanation how this happened.

It's a serious problem when it's harder for my employee's to register a new boat for a customer than it is to actually sell the boat!

If a consumer were to go through the registration process on a new boat, only to find out they were unable due to an error on the State level, there is nothing stopping them from going to another State to purchase their boat (for example: who wouldn't want to buy a boat in Rhode Island where there is no sales tax, or New Jersey where they lowered and put a cap on sales tax on boat sales? Not only does the State of Connecticut lose out on the sales tax, but boaters will then use their boats in the state where it was purchased; thus, servicing their boat, purchasing fuel, eating at restaurants, etc., in a State other than Connecticut).

In an industry that is still feeling the economic impacts of The Great Recession, it is crucial that Dealers get every boat sale they can. Forcing Boat Dealers to collect taxes will hurt an industry that has already suffered so much. It is irresponsible for the State to put an unfair restraint on the Marine Industry. It should not be a Boat Dealer's responsibility to chase down someone for not paying his or her parking ticket.

Again, thank you for allowing me to express my concerns with you. I hope you support H.B. 5055, AN ACT DECREASING WAIT TIMES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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