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HB 5055, AN ACT DECREASING WAIT TIMES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Good day, Senators Maynard, Representatives Guerrero, Senator Boucher, Representative O'Dea and the distinguished members of the Transportation Committee. My name Joe Camposeo, I am a past president of the Connecticut Town Clerks Association and I'm here today to address only the changes sought in Section 1 of the Governor's House Bill 5055, An Act Decreasing Wait Times at the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Connecticut Town Clerks Association is hopeful that the changes in Section 1 permitting "independent contractors" to issue licenses and registration transactions could ultimately lead to a successful partnership between the Department of Motor Vehicles and municipal clerks throughout the State.

The municipal clerks already have a proven record and established relationships with many state agencies:

- the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection with sport and dog licensing;
- the Department of Public Health regarding vital records;
- the Connecticut State Library regarding public records retention;
- the Department of Revenue Services regarding conveyance tax;
- the Secretary of the State regarding elections;
- the State Elections Enforcement Commission regarding campaign finance filings; and
- the State Treasurer regarding Public Acts 09-229, 11-201 and 13-247.

The Town Clerks Association believes the potential exists to generate revenue for participating municipalities while offering an additional convenience to our state residents. We look forward to exploring this proposal as it may result in a mutually beneficial partnership for the Department of Motor Vehicles, municipalities, town clerks and most of all our State's citizens.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer this testimony. I would be pleased to answer any questions that you may have at this time.