

**TESTIMONY OF RALPH ENO
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H.B. 5055: AN ACT DECREASING WAIT TIMES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero and members of the Transportation Committee, thank you for this opportunity to submit comments electronically concerning H.B. 5055 the intent of which is to reduce wait times at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

As I understand the bill, this would be accomplished by eliminating the ban on registration of motor vehicles if an owner is delinquent on payment of either parking tickets or property taxes. The ban has proved to be an extremely effective tool for forcing tax scofflaws to settle their outstanding tax liabilities. It does not require the state to collect anything and simply puts the registration process on hold. Further, I am not convinced that motorists who are delinquent in paying their property taxes should be afforded any benefit which streamlines their application process.

The state has been a valued partner for a number of years in a collaborative practice of considerable value to all Connecticut municipalities. I do not believe its elimination will have any significant impact on improving efficiencies at the DMV.

I therefore respectfully request that you vote **NO** on House Bill 5055 and preserve an important tool for municipalities to efficiently collect past due motor vehicle property taxes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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