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Transportation Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
300 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: HB-5055 *AN ACT DECREASING WAIT TIMES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.*

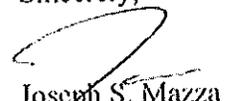
To the Committee:

As First Selectman of the Town of Guilford, I urge the Committee to reject HB-5055 *AN ACT DECREASING WAIT TIMES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.* This bill would eliminate the incentive for Connecticut motor vehicle owners to pay their property taxes on their vehicles since there would be no enforcement at the time of their vehicle registration. The greater consequence would be that the cities and towns would lose much needed revenue. In the case of the Town of Guilford, we would lose approximately \$300,000 of property tax revenue.

Using this as a means to cut down on wait times at the DMV is a ridiculous solution to a problem that should be addressed by looking at the root cause of the way DMV operates, and not addressing the problem on the backs of the towns and cities of the State of CT, thereby negatively impacting their revenues.

I encourage the Transportation Committee to reject HB-5055 as it would adversely affect revenue for Connecticut cities and towns.

Sincerely,



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