

February 29, 2016

To: Chairman Maynard
Chairman Guerrero
Members of the Transportation Committee

From: Robert J. D'Amico

Re: Bill Number HB5461, an Act Concerning the Certificate of Title for Older Motor Vehicles

I would like to lend my support for the enactment of Bill Number HB5461, **An Act Concerning the Certificate of Title for Older Motor Vehicles.**

I am a member of several Antique and Classic Car Clubs and I enjoy working and showing my classic at various Shows around the state, most of them for Charity. I have sold classic cars previously to out-of-state buyers, and because we don't presently have a Title process here for them, the transactions are always more difficult and cumbersome. In fact, I'm told that many lenders will not provide financing for a classic car unless there is a clear and clear title available. I'm surprised that Connecticut is one of only a handful of states that do not issue titles for Older Motor Vehicles, and I'm extremely happy that this is being considered.

This provide Bill provides many benefits including:

- Clear documentation and proof of ownership
- An 'audit' trail of owners
- Easier buyer/seller transactions
- Alignment of the Title Process with that of other vehicles
- There is a process in place for this within the DMV, it would just need to be expanded rather than developing a process from the ground up.

In closing, I hope that this letter of support provides you the perspective of an avid Classic Car Collector and Show enthusiast. I'm sure that my colleagues in this hobby around the state would agree that this will be value-added.

Very Truly Yours,

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