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Subject: Support of Bill HB5461, An Act Concerning the Certificate of Title for Older Model Motor Vehicles

Chairmen Maynard and Guerrero and Members of the Transportation Committee,

I would like to thank the committee for raising Bill number HB5461, An Act Concerning the Certificate of Title for Older Model Motor Vehicles. I would like to express my strong support for passage of this bill. I am travelling for work, and regret my inability to show up and testify in person.

One of my hobbies is restoring and driving classic automobiles, and I have a small collection of vintage cars from the 1950s to the 1980s. My wife and I currently use the cars, and all of them are registered in the state of Connecticut. All of these cars I acquired secondhand and all of the cars came with titles at the time of my acquisition. As you are aware, the State of Connecticut does not issue Titles for vehicles over 20 years of age. I would like to see this changed.

As these automobiles are a considerable asset, I am concerned that Connecticut's inability to issue a title will hamper the liquidity of my vehicles. As you are well aware, the market for classic automobiles has increased in size and scope as the internet has made the viewing, research and purchase of classic cars much easier. I have acquired my cars from North Carolina and California, and did not feel the need to see the cars in person, as I was satisfied with the information provided to me online and via email. Furthermore, I was comforted by the titles that came with the cars and the assurances that there were not any liens on the vehicles. Connecticut does not offer buyers such assurances, and offers a Q-1 form instead. Most other states, and their DMVs, are not familiar with the Q-1 and have little incentive to change policies to accept them as title equivalents. Therefore, we in Connecticut need to change our policies to be consistent with other states and increase the liquidity of these valuable assets. Currently, the only other states that do not issue titles are Georgia and Maine.

I will happily pay fees to have the State of Connecticut issue a title, and am confident that this is the prevailing view of other Connecticut vintage car enthusiasts.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

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