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Chairmen Maynard and Guerrera 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 testify today in enthusiastic support of this bill.

My wife and I enjoy residency in the Town of Weston, CT. We are active members in the community as well as automobile enthusiasts. In addition, my wife Wendy, is Director of the Weston Senior Center. As a result of the above, we have been able to combine our passion for automobiles with a charity that supports the Senior Center. The event is the Alden Sherman Classic Car Show and over the past 4 years, we have raised $125,000 and most recently purchased a new bus for the Senior Center. The event has become a very important part of the Town's personality as well as being very important from a financial perspective to the seniors. The seniors make up roughly 17% of the towns population, and many of them, as you can imagine, rely heavily on the senior center.

You may be asking yourself why this information is relevant to the passing of Bill HB5461. The answer to that question is simple. The car collector community relies heavily on its ability to trade and transact vehicles both in state and across state lines. The cumbersome nature of this is detrimental to evolving and keeping the car show aspect of the hobby fresh and interesting.

On a personal level, I have been a collector and restorer of classic cars for the past 40 years, restoring my first car when I was 17 years old. I thank you in advance for your support regarding this important issue.

Very Truly Yours,

James C. Petty