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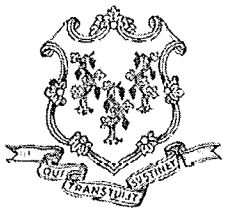

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Dear Senator Boucher, Senator Leone, Representative Guerrera, Representative Carney, and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee,

I am State Senator Michael McLachlan, and I am testifying today on House Bill No. 5312, **An Act Concerning Recommendations By The Department Of Motor Vehicles Regarding the Motor Vehicles Statutes.** This bill makes revisions to the motor vehicles statutes as recommended by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

I would like to focus my testimony today on Section 20 (h), which is to be deleted under the current bill.

This legislation was passed in PA 17-2, and it establishes a procedure that would help our local tax assessors in collecting property tax from motor vehicles that are registered in other states that are liable to pay for property taxes in Connecticut. Local tax assessors would be able to receive identifying information regarding these out of state registered vehicles from the DMV commissioner, so they could add them to their grand list.

I am opposed to deleting this section of current statute, as the State of Connecticut has an ongoing problem of residents of Connecticut registering their motor vehicles in another state as not to pay Connecticut property taxes. This is especially an issue in our boarder cities and towns. This legislation gave our local assessors more tools to help them enforce the laws regarding collecting property taxes on these vehicles.

This section of the general statues also provides needed revenue, as it allows for the ability to collect these taxes, and allows one percent of the collected tax to be paid by the town into the Special Transportation Fund.

In today's fiscal climate, we should not be eliminating avenues for increase revenue, and I urge you not to delete this section of statute.

Thank you for your consideration.

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