



**Testimony
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The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) respectfully submits comments in support of **HB-6545, An Act Concerning Unregistered Motor Vehicles**.

Allowing municipalities to adopt an ordinance authorizing fines for unregistered motor vehicles would be a helpful tool in ensuring that residents properly register their vehicles.

In addition to providing municipalities with some welcome – and much-needed – revenue, this bill would allow municipalities to deter individuals from driving unregistered vehicles which pose public safety and other concerns.

In addition, residents are increasingly seeking to avoid property taxes by registering vehicles out-of-state. Inasmuch as towns are heavily dependent on property taxes to fund the delivery of critical services, this practice must be prohibited and subject to enforcement.

COST urges support for HB-6545.