

**TESTIMONY REGARDING Proposed Bill No. 6067
AN ACT CONCERNING EMISSIONS INSPECTIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.
(LCO No. 2079)**

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I believe AN ACT CONCERNING EMISSIONS INSPECTIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC is necessary to enable seniors, persons with disabilities, and others to equitably access emissions extensions/waivers available during COVID-19. Although I support AN ACT CONCERNING EMISSIONS INSPECTIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, I believe it would be unnecessary for this legislation if the DMV provided clear, updated, and transparent language on the DMV and Emissions websites indicating that extensions/waivers are automatically granted in line with the Governor's extensions of emergency orders. For example, I visited the following websites this today, February 14, 2021, and they are still not updated to reflect current stated emissions extensions. Please note, the Emissions website is not even secure.

NOT UPDATED: Welcome to DMV. How can we help you today? - <https://portal.ct.gov/DMV>

NOT UPDATED: <http://ctemissions.com/> -

⚠ Not secure | ctemissions.com

NOT UPDATED: <http://ctemissions.com/covid-19> -

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NOT UPDATED: **Getting the Emissions Test During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak**

All Test Centers are performing emissions testing and have been instructed to use common sense precautions and all recommended guidelines established by the State of Connecticut and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "CDC".

Some Test Centers may be experiencing staffing shortages because of the outbreak. If you are planning to have the emissions test performed on your vehicle, please call the Test Center before arriving to make sure they are open for emissions testing. Please click here to see up-to-date Test Center closures.

Please use social distancing precautions established by the State of Connecticut and CDC while visiting Test Centers.

Please check this website for further updates. Testing changes will be announced expediently. If you have general questions about COVID-19, you can visit ct.gov/coronavirus or call 2-1-1. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

NO LINK: "Please click here to see up-to-date Test Center closures."

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NOT UPDATED: Deadlines Extended Due to COVID-19 - <https://portal.ct.gov/DMV/General/Deadlines-Extended>

Additionally, DMV and Emissions staff should be trained on how to respond to consumer questions on this and all pertinent topics. I have made numerous calls, spoken with several DMV and Emissions personnel, and written numerous emails beginning in early November 2020 and have found finding information to be like finding a needle in a haystack.

Had extension information been current and updated according to the Governor's emergency order updates, I would not have needed to contact my State Representative Al Paolillo who I greatly appreciate for initiating this bill.

Accessing public information such as waivers during a pandemic should be easily transparent and available through typical sources of public information. An eligible consumer should not have to seek a personal waiver if they are generally already available but not properly publicly noticed.