



**Testimony
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The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) respectfully submits comments in support of provisions in **HB-6569, AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION** which address concerns regarding the loss of local revenues associated with unregistered motor vehicles.

Unfortunately, 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.

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.

COST urges support for HB-6569.