

Written Testimony of  
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SB 332, An Act Prohibiting Certain Vehicle Storage Agreements as a Precondition to Vehicle  
Towing

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Transportation Committee

Good day Senator Haskell, Representative Lemar, Senator Somers, Representative Carney, and the distinguished members of the Transportation Committee. My name is Timothy Vibert. I am the owner of Farmington Motor Sports, Inc., an auto repair, and towing business located in Farmington. We currently tow for both the Connecticut State Police Troops H & L and five municipalities. I am submitting this written testimony in strong opposition of SB 332, An Act Prohibiting Certain Vehicle Storage Agreements as a Precondition to Vehicle Towing.

This bill would not allow us to get a signed estimate for repair, as required by the Department of Motor Vehicles, in the first 24-hours of the tow. As a tower on the busy I-84 highway, we have many travelers that go through the area and have a breakdown issue. If this bill is passed, we would not be able to assist the stranded motorist with the repairs needed, to get them back on their way, until after the 24-hours has expired. If this bill is enacted, it would be a disservice to the consumer in getting their vehicle repaired in a timely manner.

For example: If FMS is dispatched to I-84 for a disabled motorist by the Connecticut State Police. Upon arrival the tow driver assesses the situation and finds that the motorist needs a fan belt. The tow driver then calls the shop to confirm we can do the repair for the customer and get them back on the road in the next 3 hours. If this bill passes, we would not legally be able to get the required signatures to do the repairs for 24-hours thus leaving the motorist potentially stranded.

For this reason, I most respectfully request that you reject this proposal.