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To Chairman Cole and Members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee:

The National Motorists Association (NMA) is not able to attend the hearing, but please enter our opposing testimony into the record.

House Bills 6011 and 6012 would have Michigan join the National Driver License Compact to exchange traffic-ticket conviction information with other states. They would require Michigan to treat convictions for traffic offenses in other states as if they happened in Michigan.

Michigan has developed an excellent highway safety record without belonging to the national Driver License Compact, and we see no reason to join now. Should the Secretary of State add points to a Michigan citizen's driving record when they are unfairly picked out a group of cars in Ohio going the same speed but had a Michigan license plate? Some Ohio cops cynically call that a "Blue Plate Special." Should we unfairly punish a Michigan driver with license points when they get a ticket in a tiny town in Florida where the speed limit suddenly drops from 55 to 25 without warning?

These for-profit traffic ticket scams cost our citizens money in those states, but at least the "holdups" do not affect our driving records and risk higher insurance rates. Other states don't notify the Michigan Secretary of State about out-of-state traffic convictions because Michigan has wisely not joined the national Driver License Compact. These unwise bills would put those unfair convictions on our Michigan driving records and put our citizens at risk for unjustified insurance-premium increases.

Michigan has revised our traffic laws in recent years to reduce for-profit speed traps and require better standards of safety and justice. Unfortunately, many other states do not adhere to Michigan's high standards.

These bills are a ploy by insurance companies to take even more money from Michigan families than they are getting already with insurance premium surcharges. The NMA believes we should not even consider these bills as long as Michigan has the highest insurance rates in the nation.

In far too many other states, out-of-state drivers are seen as open wallets to be picked. They know most out-of-state drivers won't stay to fight unjustified tickets in court, and would have little chance to prevail in those local courts. We can't stop those for-profit abuses, but we can prevent them from further affecting our citizens by staying out of the national Driver License Compact.

After fourteen terrible years, Michigan finally got rid of the atrocious Driver Responsibility Fee law which suspended the licenses of hundreds of thousands of Michigan citizens for the inability to pay fines and then not be able to drive legally or buy auto insurance. We do not need to put people's mobility at risk again, or make insurance even more unaffordable than it already is in our state.

The NMA urges the committee to reject these bills entirely. We see no justifiable reasons or benefits to Michigan citizens to join the national Driver License Compact to risk further burdening our drivers.

Respectfully,

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