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House Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee
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Committee Members;

I want to thank you, first of all, for backing this move to end Echeck in Ohio. It remains an onerous abuse of authority even if it were applied to the entire state rather than just selected counties in this state.

Nobody deliberately drives a vehicle that runs poorly. People who cannot afford vehicle repair drive them—only until they can pay to get their cars turned up. This ‘law’ penalizes people for being poor—but only if they live in targeted counties! This is wrong!

My wife and I are disabled. We have two vehicles; one we drive regularly because it is reliable and we both fit in well with all the gear we have to haul because of our disabilities, the other a 22-year-old SUV I had before we were married to use when I had to drive. That vehicle is broken down. It was no problem in the summer: I didn’t need a backup vehicle then. It turns out that simply replacing the clutch cable did not fix the problem. Either the throw out bearing blew apart or the clutch lever broke inside the bellhousing.

Either requires removal of the transmission. Being a winter vehicle, it sits outside. My back slows down what work I can do and limits what I can do in bad weather. I have started dismantling it: I just haven’t had along enough stretch of good weather when my back was functioning well enough to finish the repair.

The plates on this vehicle expired in February. I could not Echeck it. Now I am, in addition to the repair expense, subject to a state surcharge because I could not buy my plates when the state of Ohio says I must, and I must figure out the least expensive way to get the vehicle to Echeck to get the paper I need to renew its registration—with which I could DRIVE it to Echeck!

I wanted to be here in Columbus to deliver this statement against Echeck. My wife, however, must use a wheel chair to work part time for the company that has employed her since

she began working thirty-odd years ago. Rain is predicted for Tuesday morning, when she is scheduled.

Normally, I drive my wife to work. The employee parking lot is nearly a hundred yards from the store entrance, and unsheltered. She will have to use her crutches to get to the back of the car and get the wheelchair out. Then she must roll herself to the entrance. If it IS raining that morning, she will be soaked by the time she gets inside, and stay soaked her entire shift. We can't chance that exposure for her.

Please be assured you have my support for the removal of this blot on the state of Ohio!
Thank you!

Sincerely,

Douglas Parr