

**Testimony for the Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections
On HB4918, March 5, 2014**

The National Motorists Association (NMA) is unable to have someone attend the hearing in person, but asks that this testimony become part of the official record for the committee to use in its deliberations. We supported the bill in the House and wish it to become law.

The NMA strongly supports HB4918 bill as passed by the House to help prevent at least some of the potential abuses of the parking ticket system using volunteers, and asks that it be reported out with recommendation for immediate effect.

Prohibiting individual volunteers or their related organizations from profiting in any way from their efforts will help to prevent abuses of this system for profits. No individual or organization other than the law enforcement agency or the local unit of government for that area should ever get a penny of compensation for parking tickets. And any volunteer issuing such a ticket should be under the same obligation as a government employee to attend any hearing where the ticket is challenged, knowing the ticket will be automatically dismissed if the volunteer does not attend the hearing.

The NMA would prefer that no one other than a governmental employee ever issue tickets of any kind. There are too many possibilities for ticketing in discriminatory ways when done by private citizens who are not trained government employees whose employment is subject to official discipline for improper conduct or abuses of authority. HB4918 at least prevents a volunteer or a related organization from profiting financially from their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

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