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Mr. Chairman and Committee,

Thank you for the hearing on HB 2147 and for allowing me to testify.

HB 2147 would require that an abandoned or towed vehicle receive a title prior to being sold at public auction.

Currently these abandoned or towed vehicles can be sold with a possessory lien affidavit.

Many towed or abandoned vehicles are purchased by salvage yards to be parted out and then crushed.

In the past, a salvage yard could use a possessory lien affidavit as proof of ownership to crush a vehicle and enter the information to “end of life” that VIN. Recent changes to the “end of life” VIN system now require a title for this process.

Tow yards or public agencies can get a possessory lien affidavit easily, which is great, but there is no proof that all previous owners were properly notified. A salvage yard simply has to trust that the prior owners were properly notified. In the past, if a previous owner was not properly notified nobody would ever know

and it didn't cause any problems for the salvage yards because the possessory lien affidavit was used to "end of life" a vehicle. Now that a title is required, any mistake in the possessory lien affidavit process creates an extremely difficult situation for the salvage yard (purchaser of the vehicle) when they attempt to get the title of the vehicle they just bought.

I believe you will hear numerous real life stories from professionals in the salvage yard industry that show the need for this bill and how it will solve the problem.

Thank you again Mr. Chairman for the hearing on HB 2147 and allowing me to testify in support of this bill.

Respectfully,

Francis Averkamp