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Submission to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities Input on Bill 203

Submitted by Brian Baron, President, Vegreville Ford

Dear Committee Members;

44 years in the automotive industry entitles me to opine on the lack of need for Bill 203. Everything suggested in Bill 203 is already encompassed in the Alberta Fair Trading Act, section 12 of the Automotive Business Regulations.

AMVIC, Alberta's automotive industry regulator, is an independent delegated authority and is accountable to the Alberta Government through a delegation agreement with the Minister of Service Alberta. AMVIC was created for the purpose of administering motor vehicle industry regulations as outlined in the Fair Trading Act in 1999.

And so, Bill 203 is redundant. Why was there consideration for the creation of the proposed Bill (lest MLA Carson neglected to research what protection now existed for Albertans)? MLA Carson is suggesting that automobile owning voters are so dimwitted that they need another piece of legislation to protect them from we, the very same industry that has broke sweat and dripped blood, every day for decades to earn the trust, patronage and loyalty of everyone. Because of fierce competition, we mostly undercharge and over perform for our customers. We answer our phones at 2:00 am and help stranded motorists selflessly. We carry credit for the unemployed so their car is safe for their families and other motorists. We lend our personal vehicles when we are fixing theirs. We leave no one stranded. We are a solution, not a problem.

Assuming there are at least 350 franchised auto dealers in Alberta writing an average of 30 work orders per working day and considering AMVIC received less than 50 concerns regarding automobile servicing facilities in 2015, it is conclusive that there exists no need for this Bill.

Respectfully,

