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Hon. Nicole Goehring (Chair)
Standing Committee on Families and Communities
6th Floor, 9820 - 107 Street
Edmonton, AB. T5K 1E7

Dear Hon. Nicole Goehring

I operate 5 autobody repair shops in the Edmonton and Leduc area. We have been in business for 38 years and provide fulltime employment to 140 employees. We provide employment opportunities for young, unskilled workers to become Journeyman Autobody Repair Technicians. Herbers also participates with NAIT in sitting on the skilled trades Autobody advisory committee.

It is with great concern that I write to you today regarding Bill 203, a Private Members Bill, which is currently under review with the Standing Committee on Families and Communities. As a reputable repairer, I am always in favour of creating better industry standards that protect both the consumer as well as the automotive sector. However, I feel strongly that Bill 203, as currently written, would require significant amendments to achieve this. That is why I ask you to carefully consider the Canadian Independent Automotive Association's (CIAA) position regarding Bill 203 as I support their recommendations.

As you are aware, Alberta is the only province in Canada that utilizes a regulatory body such as AMVIC to regulate and mediate repair services under the Fair Trading Act. To operate an automotive business in Alberta you must hold a valid AMVIC license and abide by all regulations in order to not only maintain your license, but also to avoid facing penalties and even possible prosecution. We are extremely fortunate to have AMVIC, but I feel that Bill 203 will not only create conflict within the existing legislation but also place expectations clearly outside of the jurisdiction of AMVIC.

Please take some time to follow this link to the CIAA website, www.ciaassociation.org. This will outline more information and the suggestion amendments from the Canadian Independent Automotive Association. If you feel that the suggested amendments as outlined by the CIAA are unachievable within the context of a Private Members Bill, then I respectfully request that your vote reflect the dissolution of Bill 203.

Herbers always provides an estimate for work to be performed but DOES NOT charge any fee for the service. Please check our online google reviews to assess the extremely high level of customer satisfaction our customers report after obtaining collision repair services. I sincerely believe upon further investigation that you will understand our concerns and reconsider supporting Bill 203 as it currently exists.

Thank you for your time. I invite you to please visit our facility at the above address or www.herbersautobody.com for further details. I can be reached at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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