

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

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Attention: Bill 203 Submission

BY:

JIM McMANES: PRESIDENT, McMANES AUTOMOTIVE GROUP (Calgary)

- I have been in the automotive business for 36 years and I have been a dealer owner for 30 years.
- Our group currently operates 20 dealerships in Western Canada and employs over 1300 people.
- Alberta is the largest segment with 12 dealerships employing approximately 900 people.
- I have always supported consumer protection legislation.]
- I was one of the original supporters of the formation of AMVIC and am a strong supporter today.
- My support for AMVIC is the reason I oppose Bill 203.
- We simply do not need more legislation in an area that is already adequately covered by AMVIC.
- As a business owner it is becoming harder and harder to operate in the face of so many regulations and so much red tape.
- AMVIC does a great job protecting consumers in all areas of the auto business.
- We have very, very few complaints and according to the Alberta Motor Dealers Association from June 2014 to July 2015 of 5,049,750 repair orders there were only 45 complaints to AMVIC.
- If we get a complaint we fix it right away or we lose a customer.
- Our service customers are our life blood and we treat them as such by making them happy, repeat customers.
- Do not impose more regulations and red tape on an industry struggling to survive.

Our consumers are happy and adequately protected without Bill 203. Let's use our government resources and time for something more important.

Sincerely,

Jim McManes

