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 Are you now or have you ever been employed by the automotive service or repair industry? Yes

PART B:

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 Feedback
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I am a resident of Parkland County and have been employed in the automotive repair industry for the past 30 years. I am the District Manager for Napa Auto Parts Edmonton.

I'm sure you have heard about Bill 203, a Private Members Bill, which is currently under review with the Standing Committee on Families and Communities. We provide parts and services to the automotive sector and Bill 203 as it is written, directly affects our customers and how we provide value added service to the consumer. 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.

I sincerely believe upon further investigation that you will understand our concerns and reconsider supporting Bill 203 as it currently exists. There is definitely an opportunity here to work with the automotive industry to create stronger and effective consumer protection. We strongly support making the customer experience more positive than what it is portrayed in general.

Thank you for your time. I invite you to please visit us at our corporate office at 17310-111 Ave Edmonton or I could meet with you at your convenience. You may reach me at [REDACTED]

PART C: HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS REVIEW?

- Newspaper
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- Facebook
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