



October 28, 2016

Standing Committee on Families and Communities  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
9820 – 107 Street N.W.  
Edmonton, AB T5K 1E7

Re: Bill 203 – Fair Trading Act (Motor Vehicle Repair Pricing Protection for Consumers)  
Amendment Act 2016

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Members of The Spruce Grove & District Chamber of Commerce that are in the automotive industry have brought their concerns forward regarding Bill 203. We represent our member's ask that your vote reflect the dissolution of Bill 203.

Alberta is the only province in Canada that has a regulatory body, AMVIC (Alberta Motor Vehicle Industry Council) which responsibility is delegated by the province giving this council authority to enforce the Fair Trading Act and regulations that apply to the auto industry. The specific role of AMVIC is to regulate the motor vehicle industry in Alberta, to better protect the consumer dealing with auto repairs.

The efficiencies of the automotive industry would be seriously hampered through the amendments that reflect new requirements for estimates, invoices, warranties, parts return and authorization to make repairs. The automotive industry is held accountable to the regulatory body of AMVIC and there is a mandatory requirement to be licensed in Alberta through this industry council and the business must abide by regulations expounded by this body to maintain that license.

There continues to be a concern amid industry in the province that this government continues to impose a compounded regulatory environment, the cumulative effect of, along with other recent government policy decisions, will significantly increase the cost of doing business in Alberta and dampen economic performance. Herein is yet another example of proposed legislation that is redundant and unnecessary and the imposition of which will impose more costs on small business.

Chambers of Commerce continues to support the reduction of red tape that government imposes and firmly believes that all industry holds themselves accountable to standards that improve their service levels and growth. There is always an opportunity to work with the industry to improve consumer protection, rather than imposing additional legislation.

Regards,

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