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Honorable Chair, Ranking Member and Members of the State Government Committee :

CHAIRMAN
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Thank-you for the opportunity to express my support for H.B 341. TRAO and Terry Fleming recently asked me to assist with some of the legal issues involved with respect to the Towing and Quick Clear Board Amendment. TRAO and OII worked with the insurance industry, Rep. Young, and other interested parties to come up with a streamlined workable process for resolving and adjusting towing disputes. This Amendment should ultimately promote a more efficient and predictable resolution of such issues.

Since this Committee has already reviewed the text of the Bill, I simply want to state that the Bill successfully addresses what have proven to be unduly burdensome provisions under existing law. Just by way of brief and not exhaustive example – The salvage title process has been clarified and simplified. The new notice requirements recognize and respect the day to day realities of this type of business. The Bill in short brings more predictability to the entire process.

But just importantly, this Bill affords members on both sides of the aisle the opportunity to address the real needs and concerns of this group of small business employers throughout the State of Ohio. These hard-working men and women perform an important service which promotes the free flow of travel and trade day after day often under severe and dangerous conditions . They perform these regulated and needed services only after considerable training and capital outlay. As a lawyer, former legislator and past Chair of this Committee, I know full well that there is really no such thing as the perfect Bill. But this Bill does give you the opportunity to go beyond providing the traditional "lip-service" to our small businesses by improving the regulatory climate under which they operate. Thank-you for your support and for explaining and encouraging the support of your fellow legislators.

Sincerely, Bob Mecklenborg