

My name is Robert Drake and this is my testimony concerning what happened to my property. We owned a restaurant in Casselton, North Dakota. My grandsons car broke down in Fargo so we towed it to Casselton with the intention of having it fixed locally. The vehicle was parked behind our restaurant and behind a fence. The vehicle was there for a few months until repairs could be arranged. My wife's mother had terminal cancer at that time and was in hospice care and needed all of the family to take shifts so she always had a family member with her. The car issue was low on the list of things to. We never received any notice to remove the car . We found out that the car had been towed by the towing company calling us demanding almost one thousand dollars for towing charges and nearly two months storage fees. The towing company had to remove a fence, go on to private property in order to tow the car. The cost to repair my grandsons car was about \$2000.00 and with the additional towing and storage costs he lost his car. The car was on commercial property behind a fence and the city of Cassleton towed it anyway, you could not even see this car from the street you had to drive threw the alley look threw a fence to even see the car. Everyone understands that communities have the right to make sure their town looks clean and without abandon vehicles all over the town. But what Casselton and many other cities are doing is illegal, every citizen deserves his day in court. Every citizen has the right of due process. I go threw this every year in Valley City I have 7 children and 3 grand children all who drive and have several vehicles, so it is always an issue for us. People with money can rent storage, they can put up their own buildings and because they have money they are not effected by these discriminatory laws. SB 2385 in my opinion will give the citizen the right to due process so both sides have an opportunity to be heard. I request a, do pass on SB 2385

Sincerely

Robert Drake