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Senator Thomas,

I would like to comment on vehicles over 40 years old. The regulations we have in place now make it very difficult, if not impossible, to title and register an untitled vehicle. As the manager of the Bottineau County Motor Vehicle Branch Office, I see first hand the frustrations that these regulations cause. We do need rules and regulations I am not against them, but for unrestored, untitled old vehicles, what we have now is just too difficult. The regulations were implemented to prevent fraud, but we have people who are contemplating committing fraud because they feel that is the only way to get a title. I do like the idea of using a Statement of Ownership form to allow an explanation of how they came to possess a untitled vehicle. It will hold them accountable. Pictures are also an excellent tool to help determine if the value declared is reasonable. I believe getting an appraisal on a classic car is going to be difficult and highly suggestive. It is very difficult telling our customers that they will probably never get a North Dakota title on a vehicle that they have owned for years. Most people are honest.  
Thank you.

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