

Testimony  
Senate Bill 2098  
House Transportation Committee  
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Good morning Chairman Ruby and members of the House Transportation Committee. My name is Bill Kalanek and I'm here today on behalf of the ND Towing Association.

I'd like to begin by expressing our support for SB 2098. This bill comes to you as a Highway Patrol and DEQ proposal that was discussed at length with the members of the ND Towing Association throughout the interim and we feel it is a good representation of those discussions.

During previous sessions the association worked diligently to improve the laws which govern the disposition of abandoned vehicles as the towing companies had become the dump grounds for unwanted vehicles across the state. With the legislature's assistance the ND Towing Association feels we've established a fair process by which towing companies can dispose of vehicles that go unclaimed by owners, lienholders and other secured parties.

Our members recognize SB 2098 as an improvement to the work done in previous sessions by tightening up some language as well as updating the notice process to include an online option.

I would ask that the committee consider giving SB 2098 a DO PASS recommendation and I appreciate your time today.

Thank you.