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To: Honorable Members of the Senate Local Government Committee

From: Charles Owens, State Director

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RE: Senate Bill 173, Prohibition on Towing and Storage Incentives

We are writing to ask your support for Senate Bill 173 that would prohibit a local government from accepting kickbacks from a wrecker, recovery, or towing service in exchange for securing business for that company.

The bill would also prohibit a towing company from offering similar inducements to secure a contract or business from a local government.

These kinds of arrangements often serve to limit fair competition for vehicle recovery services. Often larger business will use these tactics to force smaller operators out of business in within a local area.

Again, we ask that you vote yes to report Senate Bill 173 from Committee and we thank you for your support of small business!