



RE: Support for House Bill 249

Co-Chairs Fields, Hall, and members of the House Labor and Commerce Committee, my name is Mark Binder and on behalf of Copart, I encourage your **support for House Bill 249**. Copart is a national vehicle auction service company with a location in Anchorage that we use as a hub to service the entire state. We also employ 13 Alaskans and are proud members of the business community.

Our largest business volume is from insurance carriers to liquidate their total loss vehicles acquired during a claim settlement. This bill will allow a vehicle title to be transferred to an insurance company from the original owner in a streamlined method by the removal of the notary requirements. It will also allow for an electronic signature during the process.

This change will significantly reduce the delay for Alaskans during a total loss settlement and get vehicle owners back on the roads much quicker and without as much disruption to their lives. This bill is targeted at its use and will greatly improve the claims experience for all involved, especially those with single car families. Think about it, currently a total loss requires the shipping of documents to a vehicle owner, then back to the insurance company which can take several days or even more than a week. If this bill passes, the entire process could be reduced to one phone call, and the settlement would be completed.

This bill is also a business-friendly change which increases company efficiencies by having less touches on title transactions. It is an option currently available for our specific industry in forty other states, with seven, including Alaska, being pursued in 2026 legislative sessions.

In 2019 NHTSA changed their regulations on title transfers to allow this efficiency boost and our goal is to have Alaska statutes align with this guidance. AAMVA, which is a non-profit educational organization for state DMVs, has also published similar guidelines in a recent White Paper.

I again ask for your support for House Bill 249. I am available to answer any questions that you may have about this language. Thank you for your time allowing me to share our position of this bill with the Committee.

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To Alaska Legislators

RE: Letter of Support for House Bill 249

Dear Madam or Sir:

Insurance Auto Auctions (IAA) is a salvage vehicle auction that primarily handles the sale of total-loss vehicles for the insurance industry. IAA has 175 auction sites throughout North America, one of which is in the state of Alaska.

This bill would allow certain documents to be signed electronically without the need of notarization when a vehicle is acquired by an insurance company as a result of payment of damages.

If the use of an electronic signature is allowed, the time required for the transfer of vehicle ownership to insurers will be significantly reduced. This would benefit consumers, insurers and salvage auctions in the following ways:

For consumers, electronic signature would speed payment of the claim to the vehicle owner who just lost his car and needs to purchase another. It also allows for settlement during catastrophic events when consumers are displaced and not available to receive documents by shipping.

For insurers, electronic signature would allow for a more expeditious disposition of the salvage vehicles. Insurers may then close their files more quickly, improving the efficiency of the claim settlement process, and, through receipt of vehicle sales proceeds, more quickly recover a portion of the settlement paid.

For salvage auctions, electronic signature would shorten the storage duration of vehicles, freeing up space in expensive facilities.

For the above reasons, we would like to ask for your support for this legislation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (708) 710-6054 or via email: kdotzeva@iaai.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Katerina Dotzeva

IAA, Inc. – Katerina Dotzeva, Director of Government Affairs

