



Representative Jesse Sumner, Chair
House Labor and Commerce Committee
State Capitol, Room 421
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: HB 233 – Relating to rates and time allowances for required motor vehicle work

Dear Chair Sumner and members of the Committee:

I am writing today in support of HB 233 – relating to rates and time allowances for required motor vehicle warranty repair work.

I am Aaron Seekins, Customer Relations Manager of Seekins Ford Lincoln, our family-owned dealership in Fairbanks. We currently employ around 90 employees at our location.

Seekins Ford Lincoln, was founded by my father in 1977. We have grown from around 30 employees to as many as 100 in the 44 years of operation.

Over the years we have serviced thousands of customers with a full service of automotive options. We have a sales, service, parts, body shop and Quick Lane all at our location.

Why it's important:

- This bill is a consumer protection bill for all Alaskans.
- This bill will help us retain employees and is important for Alaskans.
- This bill helps the dealerships with competitive wages for technicians therefore lessening the hardship of customers not being able to service their vehicles in a timely manner.
- This bill helps the dealerships to continue to offset the high cost of training technicians to Manufacturer requirements. Many of the training certifications require the technician to travel out of state, all at the expense of the dealership.
- This bill keeps dollars in Alaska's economy instead of sending it Outside. We can continue to hire local technicians, pay them competitive wages and keep them from leaving this great state.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 233, we strongly request your support in passing this important protection for Alaskans.

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CC: Representative Frank Tomaszewski, Sponsor