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Representative Bob Lynn  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 108  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: HB 273 – Vehicle Transfer on Death Act - SUPPORT

Dear Representative Lynn,

On behalf of the more than 86,000 members of AARP Alaska, I wish to extend our support for HB 273, the Vehicle Transfer on Death bill. This bill would help seniors and other citizens of Alaska by providing a simple and inexpensive alternative method for transferring title to vehicles or mobile home upon their death. Similar laws have been in effect in many other states and have been considered successful.

The primary advantage of a TOD is that it would provide Alaska's citizens with an additional option they might use to transfer their vehicle or mobile home upon their death. The convenience of Alaska's citizens and the protection of their rights are, and should be, the main considerations of all proposed legislation. There are many issues and statutes that are not unique to particular states, but rather have general applicability across the country. For this reason, the effort to adopt uniform laws across states is very useful to individuals and families that might live in different places. The Transfer on Death deed, as well as Joint Tenancy with Right of Survivorship, are examples of the how uniform laws work for the Alaskans' advantage.

As the Vehicle TOD addresses needs that occur at a person's death and which are important tools in estate planning, they are very relevant to AARP's age 50+ membership group. We believe HB 273 would help to ease the stress of settling affairs at a time of life that is already difficult enough. We appreciate your efforts to streamline the transfer of property at the time of death, and we support the passage and adoption of HB 273 into Alaska law.

AARP Alaska is available to elaborate on our support of the bill or to answer any questions you might have.

Respectfully,



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