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To: Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee and Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

From: Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Maryland State Bar Association

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Subject: HB 605/ SB 504 - Motor Vehicles - Recreational Vehicle Dealer Agreements

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Council of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) supports House #605 and Senate Bill # 504. This bill sets forth the required elements for recreational vehicle dealer agreements. These agreements are complicated. We note one provision of this bill – page 17, lines 14-18 – requires the parties to engage in mediation before filing a lawsuit. We agree with this specific language to give the parties an opportunity to settle their differences without the expense of going to court. At the same time, courts will benefit from the likely reduction in the number of cases filed which crowd our dockets.

Should you have any questions, please contact Erin Gable, Esq., Chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Council, edgable@aacc.edu.