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**Testimony:** HB191 - Vehicle Laws - Towed, Removed, or Abandoned Vehicles - Electronic Notice to Owner

**Committee:** Environment and Transportation Committee

**Hearing Date:** January 30, 2025

**Position:** Favorable

Chairman Korman and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present HB 191 on behalf of the Towing and Recovery Professionals of Maryland.

HB191 is intended to streamline processes and ensure the quick resolution of situations where a vehicle is not claimed when towed.

Similar legislation has been voted favorable by this committee over the past two years, authorizing the electronic notification of secured parties, lien holders, and insurers of records by towers and police departments. This bill extends this process to the vehicle owner and provides additional protections; under HB191, the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) will be required to notify the vehicle owner using an email address if provided on file and requires mailed notification if the vehicle owner does not respond within 7 days.

HB191 will improve communication between the administration and vehicle owners by expediting the notification process, and reducing state expenses with regards to certified mail.

TRPM worked with MVA during the interim on this process. Representatives of TRPM are signed up in support and can respond more specifically to questions about this bill and the current process.

Thank you for your consideration. Please issue a favorable report of HB191.