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The Honorable Senator Stedman  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol Room 518  
Juneau AK, 99801

via email to: [senator.bert.stedman@akleg.gov](mailto:senator.bert.stedman@akleg.gov)

RE: SB 183 Abandoned Vehicles

Dear Senator Stedman,

The Petersburg Borough Assembly is supportive of Senator Kiehl's introduction of SB 183, "An Act relating to vehicles abandoned on private property." Abandoned vehicles plague local governments. In addition to life, health and safety issues, they drain the capacity of local government employees, who spend time managing complaints and processes that delay action.

The shortened time would be advantageous to municipalities and private property owners. Currently, when a vehicle is abandoned on private property, the process to remove the vehicle is time consuming. The private property owner either must leave it there for 6 months or pay to have it towed and secured in another location for 6 months until it can be declared "abandoned." Abandoned cars are not only an eyesore, they also tend to "collect" other abandoned cars – and they often get stripped by people who are looking to make a quick buck. If the time frame can be shortened it gives law enforcement officials and private property owners the ability to deal with the problem before it escalates.

Senator, we appreciate any help to strengthen the tools with which local governments and property owners have available to address this issue.

Sincerely,

Mark Jensen  
Mayor

Cc: Senator Jesse Kiehl  
Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins  
Nils Andreassen, Alaska Municipal League