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**RE: NCOIL “Consumer Protection Towing Model Act”**

Dear Mr. Melofchik:

The Conference of Northeast Towing Associations (CNTA) is a consortium of ten statewide towing associations that represent the shared interests of approximately 3000 towers throughout the northeast corridor of the United States of America.

First, please allow us this opportunity to thank you for reaching out to several industry leaders across the country and for requesting feedback on NCOIL’s “Consumer Protection Towing Model Act.” While we are aware that you already have met with TRAA, please allow us this opportunity to input our comments on this matter on behalf of northeast corridor of the United States.

The towing industry, including many states within our region, is dismally over-regulated. It is getting to the point where towers are unable to do their job and make a living simultaneously. With that being said, the federal government has already given the ability to regulate non-consent towing to state, local, and municipal governing bodies. We understand that certain states may not have set regulation and guidelines for non-consent towing, and these states may need some assistance with setting the right regulations that work for their jurisdiction.

At this time, our recommendation would be for all parties to work together as needed, within their own states, to resolve and settle issues, develop programs, and set local regulations. NCOIL needs to work with each state on an individual basis, and most importantly, contact each individual state’s towing association to see if there are already regulations in place that can be enforced further.

Lastly, we have included a complete copy of your model legislation with several comments, concerns, and questions which was outlined in detail by the Towing and Recovery Professionals of Connecticut (TRPC). The CNTA has endorsed these comments and asks you to keep these comments on file if any issue may arise in the future.

Thank you once again for taking the time to review our comments and concerns regarding NCOIL's Consumer Protection Towing Model Act. We are confident that we will be able to tackle these issues by working together and look forward to keeping an open line of communication with your association!

Sincerely,

The CNTA Executive Board

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