



Testimony of Peter Greenwood from Copart, Inc. in support of Kansas House Bill 2501

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today our support for House Bill 2501.

My Name is Peter Greenwood and I am writing on behalf of Copart, Inc. Copart is a global leader in the salvage and auto auction industry and I am the regional manager based out of Kansas City whose territory is the Kansas market.

Copart has Kansas locations in Kansas City and Wichita and provides a service to insurance carriers, charities and anyone who wants to sell a vehicle at our yards.

We ask for your support on HB 2501.

This bill is needed because vehicles are assigned to a Copart facility by insurance carriers for sale and liquidation. These vehicles are assigned with the consent of vehicle owners and a vast majority of these assignments go as expected and we receive a title.

However, in a very small percentage the insurer does not pursue the title or never receives one from the vehicle owner. Because of this lack of title, the vehicle is abandoned to Copart and we have a vehicle in which charges have incurred, yet there is no title and it is left on our facility without an effective and efficient way for disposal.

House Bill 2501 fixes this concern and allows for the vehicle that has been abandoned on our facility to be titled and liquidated. This is only done after proper notice and refusal of the vehicle owner to take possession.

This bill is not unique to Kansas and is like statutes that are available in many other states. Including two new ones that were enacted last session.

Mr. Chair and members of the Committee, thank you for your time and for the opportunity for me to speak to you today in support of HB 2501. I am available for any questions that you may have on this bill.