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Chairman Richard Proehl
House Committee on Transportation
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RE: Testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 2528 – Antique Tagged Vehicles

Chairman Proehl & Members of the Committee:

As an antique car enthusiast, I am honored to be a supporter and co-sponsor of HB 2528 allowing all vehicles, 35 years and older, to be tagged as antique regardless of modifications.

Recent increases in law enforcement inspections have raised the issue that many antique vehicles, due to after-market or non-original components having been installed, are not in compliance with the law. This was news to me. I had never been informed of this law nor has it ever been applied to any vehicles I own or have owned. When I went to tag my vehicles, they simply looked at the age and asked if I would like an antique tag.

Should I have known I wasn't in compliance? Should the local tag office have informed me? Should I be penalized for making my vehicle safer? Does it make it any less of an antique?

If I own a 1928 Model A Ford and put metal wheels on it instead of wooden ones for safety reasons, does it make it any less of an antique? The answer is No and I shouldn't be penalized for doing so.

If we as a legislature have deemed 35 years old to be an antique (and honestly, I am 42 and don't consider myself an antique) then any vehicle registered and titled that is older than 35 years should qualify as an antique REGARDLESS of any material or immaterial alterations made.

I strongly encourage you to SUPPORT HB 2528 and when given the opportunity, vote it out of committee favorable for passage.

Respectfully Submitted,

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