District 103 - Re: SEMA Legislative Alert: Pro-Hobbyist Street Rod and Custom Vehicle Bill Introduced in Michigan

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Subject: Re: SEMA Legislative Alert: Pro-Hobbyist Street Rod and Custom Vehicle Bill Introduced in Michigan

To the Members of the Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committee:

I am extremely pleased and am looking forward to the passing of H.B. 5476. It will mean so much to the many Michigan car hobbyists and like the perverbial pebble tossed into the pond, will have far reaching repercussions.

As you know Michigan has one of the highest saturation of car hobbyists in the country. And they spend a great deal of money on modifying and maintaining their cars. Their car shows and cruises contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars to local charities and to the local communities in which they are held. The Woodward Dream Cruise is the largest car event in the world and draws car and spectators from around the world giving Michigan and Detroit a more positive image in which to attract new companies.

In these times of diminishing opportunities which give our citizens pleasure and recreation, it is encouraging to see that something so positive is being done. You can be assured that and all those that did as well as did not support H.B.5467 will be well-remembered.

With warm regards,
Ronald Kregoski
Runnin' On Empty

District 103 - H.B. 5467 - Corvette Central

From: "Dan Baber" <Dbaber@corvettecentral.com>
To: <joelsheltrown@house.mi.gov>
Date: 11/30/2007 2:52 PM
Subject: H.B. 5467 - Corvette Central

Dear Mr. Sheltrown – Chairman:

I would like share with you my reason for supporting and passing H.B. 5467. I founded Corvette Central, located in Sawyer Michigan, 30 years ago. I currently have 80 employees, with exceptional benefits, that help us manufacture, sell and fulfill Corvette Parts and Accessories world wide. For the past 10 years we have also been producing a 1957 Corvette body that is a faithful reproduction of the original 1957 Corvette body, that we call our Concept 57. Customers can purchase our Concept 57 body and either restore an original 1957 Corvette, or use the Concept 57 body on a new Corvette chassis to build a new fuel efficient modern car with the looks of a historic 1957 Corvette. By passing H.B. 5467 it would make it easier to properly register these vehicles. Given Michigan's history with automotive manufacturing it makes complete sense for Michigan to be at the front of such legislation.

The cost to purchase our Concept 57 is only a small fraction of the total cost that will be spent in building a complete custom car. The majority of costs would be the individual parts purchased to finish the car. The 2006 Sema Hot Rod Industry Report shows that the Street Rod and Restoration market reached $2.28 Billion in retail sales in 2005. By passing this legislation Michigan could capitalize on the businesses and jobs that would be created to support this automotive parts and accessories business.

I would like to extend an open invitation to visit and tour our business any time your in South Western Michigan. Below are a few website links that you can view to learn a little more about Corvette Central, our Concept 57, and the Hot Rod Industry.

http://www.corvettecentral.com/

http://www.corvettecentral.com/concept_57/index.htm

http://www.corvettecentral.com/concept_57/intro.htm

http://www.hotrodshow.com/v4files/hotrodshow/2006HotRodReport1.pdf

Sincerely,

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Corvette Central, CEO

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District 103 - RE: H.B. 5467

From: "Greg Tufford" <gtufford@wowway.com>
To: <joelsheltrown@house.mi.gov>
Date: 11/28/2007 5:40 PM
Subject: RE: H.B. 5467

Dear Rep. Sheltrown,

We are writing to you today to request your support for H.B. 5467, that would create a vehicle registration classification for street rods and custom vehicles in the State of Michigan. This legislation is very much needed, as the current Antique/Historic licensing offered by the D.M.V. is outdated, and does not encompass the needs of the many thousands of owners, nor properly set the requirements of owning an antique or classic automobile in the state.

As classic car owners, we are helping to preserve the strong automotive heritage that Michigan is known for by maintaing a vehicle that is a part of that history. We are also members of a car club that, among other things, is trying to promote this heritage through an annual car show. One of the goals of our club is to promote tourism by attracting out-of-state special interest car owners to attend our show (which is held in August), and also the Woodward Dream Cruise. We are also trying to promote (along with our friends and neighbors who are also street rod, custom, and classic car owners) special cruise-nights and other activities sponsored by local businesses in an attempt to support the economy of our local cities. Making it easier to licensee and own a special interest car will enhance these activities, and help attract more people to this hobby.

We strongly urge you to fully support H.B. 5467. Thank you for you time.

Greg & Debbie Tufford

District 103 - Please Support H.B. 5467

From: <SlamdTruck@aol.com>
To: <joelsheltrown@house.mi.gov>
Date: 11/28/2007 11:11 PM
Subject: Please Support H.B. 5467

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this note as expression of my desire for your support of H.B. 5467 - As a lifelong automotive hobbyist, I have had several occasions to obtain and restore/work on the type of vehicles this bill represents - these type of vehicles are rare and since SO few survive (mostly through the "blood, sweat and tears" of hobbyists like myself), they (and the hobbies and historical lifestyle they represent) should be protected like any other non-renewable resource, and this bill will allow myself (as well as many others) to pursue our passion, as well as to help preserve these vehicles (and pass along our skills and knowledge) for future generations.
Thank you in advance for your support of H.B. 5467.

Best Regards,

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