


FW: Non-consensual towing

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Subject: RE: Non-consensual towing

Dear Representative Rachelson,

Thank you for your email and it was nice chatting with you today in the committee room. Attached please find a copy of the letter that is mailed when we receive an abandoned motor vehicle form. This letter is mailed to each owner of record and, if there's a lien holder, a copy is sent to them as well. The next two pages are the totals for 2021 and 2022. As stated earlier today I will get the county by country break down on Monday and will send that under separate cover. For comparison, below I have shared the 2019 and 2020 county by county numbers. Please note on the total pages the amounts include those vehicles that were titles and ones that were not titled. The county by county numbers are for titled vehicles only, which will explain why the numbers wont match.

We do not track those that are denied so I am unable to provide an answer for question 3. As for question 4 we do not electronically track that data so in order to answer that question each application would need to be manually pulled and reviewed.

I will send the additional break down once I have it.

Thanks

Mike

Year	County	COUNTS
2019	Addison	3
2019	Bennington	11
2019	Caledonia	31
2019	Chittenden	235
2019	Franklin	52
2019	Grand Isle	1
2019	Lamoille	5
2019	Orange	12
2019	Orleans	34
2019	Rutland	32
2019	Washington	24
2019	Windham	39

2019	Windsor	34	2019 TOTAL	513
2020	Addison	11		
2020	Bennington	5		
2020	Caledonia	25		
2020	Chittenden	205		
2020	Essex	1		
2020	Franklin	34		
2020	Grand Isle	3		
2020	Lamoille	17		
2020	Orange	16		
2020	Orleans	38		
2020	Rutland	16		
2020	Washington	16		
2020	Windham	33		
2020	Windsor	42	2020 TOTAL	462

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Dear Michael,

Happy New Year! I am attempting another bill to address some of the issues that my constituents have experienced from non-consensual towing. I am attaching the draft (which I have not yet introduced).

I am hoping you can help me with a couple of questions that I have (I have copied my intern on this email, who is helping me).

1. Are you able to send me a copy of the form letter that is sent to last person you have on record that the car is registered to? When a request for title transfer is made on an abandoned vehicle? It's dawned on me that I have never seen that letter.
2. Are you able to share with me the data for 2022 and 2021 by county of how many abandoned vehicles there were and title transfers?
3. Do you keep the data on how many are requested and how many are denied?
4. In looking at the DMV abandoned vehicle request for title form, I noticed the form asks:

Was the vehicle towed from Private Property? Yes No If YES, Requested by:

_____ • Was the Vehicle towed from Public Property? Yes No
I'd love to get an understanding of what the breakdown is of where the abandoned cars were located, and who did he authorizing.

Thanks much for any assistance you can provide.

Barbara

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