



January 22, 2021

The Honorable Mike Petersen
Kansas State Legislature
Senate Transportation Committee
6425 SW 6th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66615

Re: SB 36 – Insurance Unpaid Claims Title-Less Vehicles

Dear Committee Chair Petersen and Committee Members:

On behalf of LKQ Corporation, please receive the below written comments in support of Senate Bill 36, which is scheduled for a hearing before your Senate Transportation Committee on February 25th at 8:30 am. ***SB 36 creates a mechanism for authorized agents to process insurance vehicles that have unpaid claims and the original certificate of title is unobtainable.***

This bill was vetted by the Legislature and the Department of Motor Vehicles last year and received support from all the stakeholders. However, because of early adjournment due to Covid-19, the bill eventually stalled and is now before your Committee for final passage.

SB 36 will expedite the process for salvage pools and salvage vehicle dealers to move title-less insurance vehicles promptly and efficiently through the salvage and end-of-life cycles. These authorized agents will be allowed to legally process the paperwork and take ownership of the vehicles on behalf of the insurance companies when the total loss claim has been closed without payment or denied. If evidence of ownership is unavailable, a form prescribed by the department would be submitted by the authorized agent in order to obtain a salvage title or a non-repairable certificate to process the vehicle.

LKQ appreciates the opportunity to provide input and collaborate with members and stakeholders to advance sound policy measures for the automotive industry. LKQ respectfully asks you to **please vote “YES” on SB 36.**

LKQ Corporation is a leading provider of alternative and specialty parts to repair and accessorize automobiles and other vehicles. LKQ offers its customers a broad range of replacement systems, components, equipment and parts for automobiles, trucks, and recreational and performance vehicles.



Through acquisitions, mergers, and organic growth, LKQ recently became the largest U.S. provider of mobile, on-site vehicle services to automotive collision repairers, mechanical repairers and national fleets. LKQ provides a full array of repair solutions including diagnostics and calibration, re-flashing, programming, pre and post collision repair diagnostics and other mechanical services.

LKQ has a global industry leading team of over 51,000 employees and operates over 1,700 locations in 31 countries. In Kansas, LKQ has 384 employees at 10 facilities located in the following cities: one (1) in Kansas City, one (1) in Lawrence, one (1) in Liberal, one (1) in Manhattan, two (2) in Topeka, and three (3) in Wichita, and pays taxes on payroll of more than \$25.2 Million.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, comments or input.

Respectfully,

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