



May 9, 2018

Sunset Advisory Commission
P.O. Box 13066
Austin, TX 78711

Re: Sunset Review of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) / Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA)

Dear Sunset Advisory Commission:

The NICB is a national, not-for-profit organization supported by more than 1,100 property and casualty insurance companies, including many who write business in Texas. Working with our member companies and law enforcement, we investigate organized criminal conspiracies dealing with insurance fraud and vehicle crime.

Because of our strong interest in preventing vehicle crime and thefts, we want to express our support for the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) administrated by the TxDMV. However, after reviewing the Sunset Advisory Commission's staff report we noted the failure to address the inequitable funding of the ABTPA.

Funding for the ABTPA is provided through a \$2 fee charged on every automobile insurance policy issued in Texas. This fee is deposited into the General Revenue Fund and less than half approximately \$0.80 is appropriated to the ABTPA to fund grantees fighting vehicle crime in Texas. According to the most recent stats \$46.5 million was collected in 2017 and only \$14.9 was appropriated to the ABTPA.

Despite a statutory requirement that half of the funds collected be appropriated to the ABTPA, the amount collected has increased while the amount appropriated has remained the same or been reduced.

We urge you to protect the dedicated funding for the ABTPA and recommend the appropriate allocation of the funds needed to address the vehicle theft and crime problem in Texas. As an insurance industry representative, let me reaffirm NICB's commitment to the ABTPA and Texas law enforcement and to our combined mission of combating vehicle crime in the state of Texas.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 847-544-7075 or via email at ahaskins@nicb.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alan Haskins", is positioned above the printed name.

Alan Haskins
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