



THE OHIO AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION

April 4, 2016

The Honorable Jay Hottinger, Chairman
Ohio Senate Insurance Committee
Statehouse
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Hottinger:

On behalf of OADA's over 850 franchised automobile, heavy-duty truck and motorcycle dealer members, I am writing to express our support for House Bill 207. As you know, this legislation would require a workers' compensation claim to be charged to the Bureau's Surplus Fund Account rather than an employer's experience when a third party causes injury to an employee in a motor vehicle accident.

In our industry, for example, service technicians road test vehicles after servicing them to ensure proper operation. Unfortunately, these employees are sometimes injured by third party drivers who were at fault. Under the current system, a claim by the employee is applied to the dealer's experience, regardless of whether or not the claim is likely to be subrogated. The result is increased costs to our members, including potentially impacting their ability to qualify for group rating.

House Bill 207 addresses this unfairness by providing a mechanism to avoid increased costs in this very narrow instance. We urge your support of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Joe Cannon
Vice President, Government Relations