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The Honorable Evan Shanley
Chairman
House Committee on State Government & Elections
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: H7452 - SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

Dear Chairman Shanley and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Copart, Inc., I write to express our strong support for House Bill H7452, which would authorize the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles to implement electronic lien, titling, and registration systems. This legislation represents a critical step forward in modernizing the state's vehicle title and registration processes and will significantly enhance efficiency, security, and service delivery.

Copart operates a significant vehicle remarketing business in Rhode Island that serves insurance companies, financial institutions, dealers, and individual consumers. Copart's Rhode Island business operation facilitates a high volume of vehicle title transactions each year, including approximately 15,000 title transfers in calendar year 2025 alone. Based on this volume, Copart is arguably among the largest—if not the single largest—customer of the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles with respect to title processing.

Given this scale, inefficiencies in paper-based systems create meaningful administrative burdens for both the DMV and high-volume users like Copart. H7452's authorization of electronic lien and titling (ELT) and electronic registration and titling (ERT) systems will streamline these transactions, reduce processing times, improve accuracy, and enhance fraud prevention. The bill's framework for secure digital vehicle titles and fully electronic workflows aligns Rhode Island with national best practices and reflects how high-volume transactions are already conducted in many other industries.

Across the country, many states have already implemented electronic lien and titling programs, and a growing number are moving toward fully digital title environments. States such as Florida, Texas, California, Arizona, and Ohio have long-standing ELT programs, while others—including Georgia, Virginia, and Colorado—have expanded into broader electronic and digital title capabilities. In addition, several jurisdictions are actively piloting or implementing fully digital title systems that eliminate the need for paper titles altogether, particularly for high-volume commercial transactions. Rhode Island's adoption of H7452 would ensure the state remains competitive and interoperable with these evolving national systems.

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Copart also respectfully requests the Committee's consideration of a technical amendment to ensure clarity and consistency within the bill. Specifically, we support the inclusion of the following language:

"Pursuant to the provisions of § 42-127.1-7, any form utilized pursuant to the provisions of this section may be signed electronically and shall not require notarization."

This amendment is important to fully realize the efficiencies contemplated by the legislation by ensuring that all required forms may be executed electronically without unnecessary notarization requirements.

We understand that this amendment has been incorporated into a revised version of the legislation supported by Champ Titles, and Copart supports that version of the bill. We respectfully encourage the Committee to adopt these changes as part of a Substitute A (Sub A) to H7452.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of this important legislation. Given Copart's significant operational footprint and transaction volume in Rhode Island, we would welcome the opportunity to serve as a resource to the Committee as you continue your review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Binder", written in a cursive style.

Mark Binder
Director of Government Affairs
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