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Subject: Abandoned vehicles

Karen, this is a copy of an email I sent to Mike Farnworth and Dan Davies, I feel that the time is right to put some pressure on our Government to get this done.

Dear Mr. Farnworth, recently there was an avoidable accident on the Alaska Highway just a few kms south of the District of Taylor which is located in north eastern BC. The truck driver who hit an abandoned vehicle on the side of the highway died as a result of the accident. I am unsure how much of a problem this is in other parts of the province but in our area this is a fairly common problem, I live about twenty miles from Fort St John and on occasion see abandoned vehicles along the road. After a few days if the vehicle is left someone usually comes along and vandalizes it. One vehicle in particular was damaged one night, a few nights later the tires were stolen off it and with in a week it was burned. My point is I feel that the police should be given the authority to contact the owner and give them twenty four hours to move it or it will be towed and after a brief waiting period, put into ICBC's salvage program. If the registered owner wants their vehicle back they would have to pay all associated fees. You recently gave ICBC the authority to take people to collections for unpaid Covid violation fines so I see no reason why this task could not be easily handled by ICBC. Being proactive with this issue could save another life.

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