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Re: **Please Support SB 12 -184**

"CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION SPECIAL MOBILE MACHINERY FLEETS."

United Rentals and Sunbelt Rentals are two of the largest equipment rental companies in the U.S. They serve the needs of a wide variety of customers – from commercial, residential, municipal and specialized service industries to weekend do-it-yourselfers.

These companies each rent thousands of pieces of equipment each month. To meet the needs of their clients, they constantly move their equipment between their hundreds of locations nationwide. The current title registration system as well as registering the equipment for the payment of the Specific Ownership Tax by the 2% method makes it almost administratively prohibitive to do business in Colorado. This impacts these and similar companies' ability to expand in the state as well as serve the variety of business that rent their equipment so they can thrive as well.

Colorado requires that each piece of equipment that they purchase or bring into the state has to be registered and titled and separately registered for the SMM or 2% tax program. This requires that the rental companies have someone go to the local county clerk's office with a stack of titles and bills of sale and get the equipment registered. This consumes the time of the company employees as well as the county clerks who could better use the time to serve other taxpayers. Also each of these registrations has to be renewed annually and thus the equipment has to be located and the new tags, stickers, decals or plates have to be affixed throughout the year. This is a process that does not exist in any other state.

We need this legislation to allow a single registration process for all of the equipment. To allow the rental companies to easily put new equipment into service and send a report to the counties where the equipment is registered on a quarterly basis listing the new equipment and paying all of the fees and taxes that are required under present Colorado law. This brings administrative efficiency for the State, the counties and the rental companies without sacrificing one dime of revenue.

We hope you will support our efforts in this.

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