

FROM: Mary Ann Trout, Oregon Dealer Advisory Committee Chair
Owner, Hillsboro Wrecking Yard

RE: Vote Yes on HB 2263

To the Members of the House of Representatives:

My brother and I are co-owners of Hillsboro Wrecking Yard, which has been a family business for 46 years. I also am the Chair of the Oregon Dealer Advisory Committee (ODAC), which is made up of auto dealers, auto dismantlers, towing companies, and other auto related businesses. We advise DMV on issues that affect our industry.

DMV regulates our businesses. The regulations protect consumers, keep illegal operators in check, and protect honest businesses. The license fees we pay are used for the regulatory activities. In most cases our own industries have asked the legislature to regulate us. The regulation of my industry – dismantlers – was changed in 2005 because we asked for the additional oversight.

None of the industries' fees have been increased since 2001, and some were last increased long before that. The increased regulation in 2005 did not include a fee increase, even though DMV was expected to increase the regulation of the industry.

DMV involved ODAC in calculating the fee increases in HB 2263. They brought us proposals, we discussed the proposals, and DMV made changes based on our input. The members of ODAC, representing all of the industries affected by the proposed fee increases, unanimously support the bill and the increases. We get good value for what we pay. And we want DMV to do a good job regulating the industry.

I have personally asked 2 of the largest dismantlers with supplemental licenses about that portion of the fee increase. There are only a handful of dismantlers with supplemental locations, and generally those "supplemental" locations are full-fledged operations that take just as much oversight as a stand-alone business. They were supportive of the fee increase because of the importance of the job DMV does regulating our industry.

Please vote for HB 2263.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Trout

*From the desk of Rep.
Caddy McKeon
Regarding HB 2263
Caddy McKeon*