



Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 803
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

Speaker of the House Tina Kotek
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Chair Beyer and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 803.

When I first entered the legislature, metal theft from construction sites and the theft of catalytic converters from people's cars was a major problem. In 2009, the legislature changed the law to prohibit people getting paid in cash for the metal they wanted to sell, and this made a big difference. But stealing catalytic converters is on the rise again.

My office has received a lot of support from constituents about Senate Bill 803, which would only allow scrap metal businesses to buy catalytic converters from commercial sellers. It is my understanding that scrap metal recyclers are in general support of the bill and have been working collaboratively with law enforcement on changes that address industry concerns with regard to data collection.

I support this bill and look forward to signing on as a sponsor when it reaches the House.

Thank you for your time and consideration.