

I request that this measure be implemented to protect the residents of the State of Oregon from the costly crime of catalytic converter theft. I have recently been a victim of this crime and through communicating with my neighbors determined there are several victims in my neighborhood. Many of these people suffered several thousands of dollars of damage to their vehicles. In my professional job, I have seen first hand how the current system, allows for people to walk into car crushing operators and sell catalytic converters, with no questions asked or requirements that would deter the action. As a resident of this state, I have to provide identification that is recorded, to purchase spray paint. I have to have a prescription to purchase Sudafed. The actions of regulating these aspects have contributed to a decline in the occurrence of the associated crimes or made prosecution of the crime more feasible. By holding the buyers of the catalytic converters accountable to prove that the parts are sourced or recycled from legitimate vehicles there should be a reduction in the theft. There needs to be measures that ensure that whomever brings in a converter provides information, including their identity and information about the vehicles that contained the converter. There should also be a database of how many times a specific individual is selling converters in the state. Oregon is not the only state in the nation that is experiencing this crime. It would be prudent to research how other states have attempted to regulate this process and determine what has been successful and what actions have proven fruitless. Please pass this or some form of regulation that will deter the practice of stealing catalytic converters. Respectfully, Brandi Davis