

Chair Beyer and Vice Chair Findley and Committee Members,

As a victim of this crime, theft of the catalytic converter from a Prius just last week, I strongly support passage of this bill. In 2001 I purchased my Prius and it served me well until I gave it to my son several years ago when I found that Portland's excellent public transit served me well. But it would have served our family for many additional years, had the theft not occurred. Many similar thefts have occurred in my Sullivan's Gulch neighborhood, some from people's driveways. My Prius was parked at a well lighted intersection at NE 22 and NE Halsey. Now my son, who lives several miles away from me has only a huge van to drive, so I shall see him less and have to make other arrangements to get groceries. Anything that can be done to reduce these thefts would be greatly welcomed and this law seems the best possible. Thank you for your consideration.