OREGON VEHICLE DEALERS AND DISMANTLERS TESTIMONY ABOUT SB256-A

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Chair Kropf and Members of the Committee:

The Northwest Automobile Trades Association (NATA) represents more than 450 business members across Oregon. NATA members include collision and mechanical repairs shops, dismantlers, and auto parts manufacturers and distributors.

The Oregon Vehicle Dealer Association (OVDA) represents all Oregon businesses. required to hold a vehicle dealer certificate. This includes franchise dealers, independent dealers, auctions, wholesalers, RV dealers, and even marine dealers (boat dealers sell trailers, so they need a dealer's certification).



OREGON RV DEALERS ASSOCIATION

The Oregon RV Dealers Association (ORVDA) represents Oregon's franchised dealers of RV trailers and self-propelled RVs. ORVDA members sell, service and repair vehicles which are used for recreation, and in many cases, as homes for retired Oregonians.

The three associations listed above support the intent of Senate Bill 256. The manufacture or sale of counterfeit airbags or restraint systems literally threaten the lives of the motoring public.

In the House Judiciary Committee, my clients expressed concerns about potential unintended consequences of the language, even with the adoption of the -1 amendments. Since then, the advocates for the legislation have worked diligently with me and a coalition of national associations to find amendments which will result in a bill that everyone can endorse.

We have not yet seen the amendment requested from Legislative Counsel (And aren't you glad you're not working down there this time in the session?). Assuming it makes the changes expected, we will enthusiastically support the bill.

Thank you.