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February 23, 2022
2:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Teleconference

H.B. 1860, H.D. 1
RELATING TO CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill that will increase penalties for unlicensed business transactions involving catalytic converters and will require used motor vehicle parts dealers and scrap dealers to record purchases and sales of catalytic converters and precious metals.

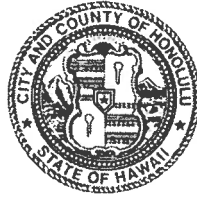
The Highways division has been impacted by the theft of catalytic converters from our vehicles and will benefit from the proposed measure that will minimize disruptions to the public and to state operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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February 23, 2022

The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
and Members
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian
Affairs
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 325
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nakashima and Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 1860, H.D. 1, Relating to Catalytic Converters

I am Major Roland Turner of District 5 (Kalihi), Honolulu Police Department (HPD), City and County of Honolulu.

The HPD supports House Bill No. 1860, H.D. 1, Relating to Catalytic Converters.

The theft of catalytic converters has been a steady scourge on the island of Oahu with 2,274 stolen in 2021 and another 166 attempted thefts during the same period. Already this year we have recorded 180 offenses, which includes 168 completed thefts and another 12 attempted.

These thefts are prevalent based on the ready supply of vehicles to steal from, the ease and speed of the theft itself, and the ease of selling the stolen property. Further, even if a stolen converter is identified and an arrest is made, the offense is currently based on the value of what is considered a scrap vehicle part, in most cases making it a petty misdemeanor.



The provisions of House Bill No. 1860, H.D. 1, will strongly discourage the theft of catalytic converters by making it difficult to sell them outside legitimate business practices. It will make identifying those attempting to sell them easier and establish that the theft of these devices is a felony, further dissuading would-be criminals.

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and Members
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For the foregoing reasons, the Honolulu Police Department supports the passage of House Bill No. 1860, H.D. 1, Relating to Catalytic Converters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Sincerely,


Roland Turner, Major 
District 5

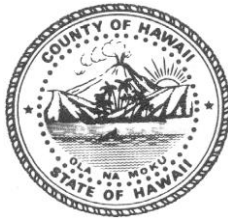
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1860 HD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING
TO CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference
State Capitol Conference Room 325
415 South Beretania Street

Honorable Chair Nakashima, Vice-Chair Matayoshi and Members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs. The County of Hawai'i, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney submits the following testimony in strong support of House Bill 1860 HD1.

This bill was drafted to establish, the following:

- (1) Require licensed used motor vehicle part dealers to keep records of purchases and sales of catalytic converters, and require the seller to file a written statement that the seller has the lawful right to sell and dispose of the catalytic converter;
- (2) Establish the felony offense of theft of catalytic converter;
- (3) Increase the penalty for engaging in the business of purchasing or selling used motor vehicle parts and accessories, or wrecking, salvaging, or dismantling motor vehicles for the purpose of reselling the parts or accessories thereof, without a license;
- (4) Require scrap dealers to keep records of purchases and sales of palladium, platinum, and rhodium; and
- (5) Require all scrap dealers to pay for palladium, platinum, and rhodium, and all used motor vehicle part dealers to pay for catalytic converters, by check.

Over the past year, our Office has met with community groups, local government leaders, law enforcement officials, and members of the public about their concerns and interests regarding the criminal justice system. A large majority of the concerns echoed to our Office concerned the rise in property crime and more specifically, theft.

Hawai'i Island, like other communities across our State, has been plagued with the increase in theft of catalytic converters. Victims of catalytic converter theft often times don't have the appropriate insurance coverage or available funds necessary for purchase of a replacement catalytic converter or to repair their vehicles' damaged exhaust systems. Here,

offenders not only remove catalytic converters but often times steal the entire motor vehicle. Hawai'i Island is composed of rural communities, with limited mass public transit accommodations to service the needs of our residents. As a result, many rely heavily upon their own personal vehicles for their daily transportation, livelihoods, and to support their families.

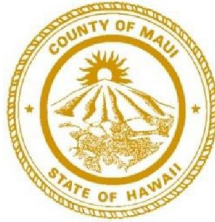
The County of Hawai'i, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney remains committed to the pursuit of justice with integrity and commitment.

For the foregoing reasons, the, County of Hawai'i, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney strongly supports the passage of House Bill No. 1860 HD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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TESTIMONY
ON
H.B. 1860 HD1 RELATING TO
CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

February 22, 2022

The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima
Chair
The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi
Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui respectfully submits the following comments concerning H.B. 1860 HD1, Relating to Catalytic Converters. Specifically, we would like to express our support for the increased regulation of the purchase of catalytic converters (“converters”) by scrap dealers and used motor vehicle parts dealers (“dealers”), as well as the creation of a new offense for the theft of a converter or unlicensed dealer activity involving a converter.

Over time, our Department has observed an increase in the amount of catalytic converter thefts. At the same time, our ability to prosecute these offenses is limited because it is rare that a suspect can be arrested, or even identified, when the theft occurs at an unattended vehicle. S.B. 2733 helps to alleviate this problem in two ways.

First, this bill makes it more difficult for converter thieves to sell stolen converters to dealers by increasing the amount of information and record-keeping needed for a dealer to legally purchase a converter. Second, it creates a class C felony offense for not only the actual theft of a converter, but also for dealers that violate the new regulations and unlicensed dealers who conduct business involving converters (as well as a new misdemeanor penalty for unlicensed dealers conducting business not involving converters). In turn, this creates a strong disincentive for anyone to purchase/sell stolen converters or for dealers to circumvent the record-keeping regulations.

For these reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui supports the passage of H.B. 1860 HD1. Please feel free to contact our office at (808) 270-7777 if you have any questions or inquiries.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawai`i

February 23, 2022

RE: H.B. 1860, H.D. 1; RELATING TO CATALYTIC CONVERTERS.

Chair Nakashima, Vice-Chair Matayoshi and members of the House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu (“Department”) submits the following testimony in support of H.B. 1860, H.D. 1.

The purpose of this bill is to: (1) impose specific record-keeping requirements on used motor vehicle parts dealers, when they purchase used catalytic converters; (2) impose the same record-keeping requirements on scrap metal dealers, when they purchase rhodium, platinum, or palladium—the precious metals contained within catalytic converters; and (3) establish the offense of theft of a catalytic converter as a class C felony. The proposed record-keeping requirements are the same requirements already followed by scrap metal dealers, when they deal in used copper.

The Department is aware that the theft of catalytic converters is on the rise, not just locally, but nationwide. In recent years, catalytic converters have been the subject of numerous thefts, due to the rhodium (\$21,900 per ounce)¹, platinum (\$1,100 per ounce)², and palladium (\$2,000-\$2,500 per ounce) found within those devices.³ Stolen or recycled catalytic converters can usually be resold on the market for roughly \$250, yet replacing a stolen catalytic converter can cost a car owner approximately \$1,000 or more.

While the Department takes no position on the severity of the offenses proposed under H.B. 1860, H.D. 1, it may be relevant to note that a class C felony theft charge generally equates to a charge of Theft in the Second Degree, section 708-831, Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”), under our current statutes. In order to charge or convict someone with Theft in the Second Degree, the

¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/09/climate/catalytic-converter-theft.html>

² <https://www.motortrend.com/news/catalytic-converter-thefts-nationwide-on-rise/>

³ <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/09/climate/catalytic-converter-theft.html>

Department must be able to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant knowingly took the property of another, *and* that the defendant knew the value of such property exceeded \$750. This is currently impossible to prove if the stolen property is a used catalytic converter, as the typical value of these items is much lower than \$750. Because the proposed offense, Theft of a Catalytic Converter (see page 11, lines 1-10), does not involve the value of the item, the Department anticipates this offense would simply require proof beyond a reasonable doubt that a defendant intentionally, knowingly or recklessly stole a catalytic converter—by any applicable means listed under HRS §708-830—regardless of the item’s value or the defendant’s knowledge thereof.

H.B. 1860, H.D. 1, proposes an approach similar to that which was taken approximately 10-12 years ago for copper, when theft of copper was a severe problem in Hawaii: (1) making theft of that specific item a class C felony (HRS §708-835.7); (2) prohibiting anyone from buying that item unless they are properly licensed to do so (HRS §445-232); and (3) requiring that sellers provide detailed ownership information for mandatory record-keeping (HRS §445-233 and -233.5). By establishing similar statutes regarding catalytic converters, it is hoped that the demand for—and supply of—used catalytic converters would significantly decline, the way it did for copper.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supports the passage of H.B. 1860, H.D. 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL ONOFRIETTI

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 23, 2022
2:00 p.m.

HB 1860, HD1

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, my name is Michael Onofrietti, ACAS, MAAA, CPCU, Senior Vice President, Actuarial Services, Product Development & Management for Island Insurance and Chairman of the Auto Policy Committee for Hawaii Insurers Council. The Hawaii Insurers Council is a non-profit trade association of property and casualty insurance companies licensed to do business in Hawaii. Member companies underwrite approximately forty percent of all property and casualty insurance premiums in the state.

Catalytic converter thefts are a rising problem nationwide and a growing problem in Hawaii. Stealing the device from an SUV or other vehicle with high ground clearance can take under one minute, and the devices are desirable because they contain precious metals such as platinum, which currently trades for about \$1,022 per troy ounce, palladium, which currently trades for about \$2,328 per troy ounce, and rhodium, which currently trades for about \$17,050 per troy ounce. By comparison, copper, another metal frequently targeted by thieves, trades for only \$0.27 per troy ounce.

Under Hawaii's motor vehicle insurance law, theft is covered under Comprehensive (also called Other Than Collision) coverage. According to NAIC data, **over 75%** of Hawaii insured vehicles include Comprehensive coverage. Replacing the catalytic converter itself can cost thousands of dollars but there are other costs:

- Thieves often damage other components located near the converter which also must be replaced.

- Availability of converters for some vehicles is a challenge because of the nationwide increase in thefts. This means consumers are often unable to use their vehicles for extended periods of time while waiting for parts.
- Many consumers purchase coverage to provide for a rental car when their insured vehicle is damaged. If a catalytic converter is backordered, rental vehicle expenses will be extended.

The above claims costs will be passed to consumers in the form of higher insurance premiums for Comprehensive coverage.

Because this measure may deter or at least reduce the incidents of catalytic converter theft, and such deterrence may then prevent increased claims costs to the benefit of Hawaii insurance consumers, the Hawaii Insurers Council supports the intent of HB 1860, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



February 23, 2022

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON HB 1860 HD1 RELATING TO CATALYTIC CONVERTERS**

Aloha Chair Nakashima, and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 350 members involved with the commercial ground transportation industry.

HTA supports this bill.

The theft of a catalytic converter renders a vehicle inoperable, and is extremely costly to replace especially in the case of commercial motor vehicles (CMV). There is a very light inventory of parts and accessories for CMVs, especially in these times of a sporadic supply chain.

Many businesses are still experiencing depressed economic activity so personnel is reduced making fleets easier targets.

Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/19/2022 10:57:19 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kathleen Moses Benson	Industrial Battery Solutions LLC	Support	No

Comments:

I support the passage of this bill, both as a small business owner and a private citizen. A catalytic convertor was stolen from one of my company vehicles, and it cost us thousands of dollars in time, money, and lost productivity. Frankly, I don't think this bill goes far enough. Catalytic converters DON'T typically go bad, they usually last the life of the vehicles, so I think recyclers should be prohibited from buying them and we should disallow recycling them as separate parts. But this is better than nothing. It is about time legislators focus on the rampant property and other crime (much of it fueled by drugs) that is making Hawaii such a dangerous place. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Moses Benson

Industrial Battery Solutions, LLC

February 23, 2022

2:00 pm

Hawaii State House of Representatives
Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Re: HB 1860, HD1, Relating to Catalytic Converters

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi and members of the committee:

On behalf of Schnitzer Steel Hawaii, we are testifying in support of HB 1860, HD1, relating to Catalytic Converters. This bill requires licensed used motor vehicle part dealers to keep records of purchases and sales of catalytic converters and requires the sellers to file a written statement that the seller has the lawful right to sell and dispose of the catalytic converter. It also establishes the offense of theft of catalytic converter as a class C felony, increases the penalty for engaging in the business of purchasing or selling used motor vehicle parts and accessories without a license, requires scrap dealers to keep records of purchases and sales of palladium, platinum, and rhodium, and requires all scrap dealers to pay for palladium, platinum, and rhodium, and used motor vehicle part dealers to pay for catalytic converters, by check.

We applaud the legislature's efforts at addressing the significant economic and community impact of metals thefts. Schnitzer Steel Hawaii Corp, which was formerly known as Hawaii Metal Recycling is now part of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc., a global leader in the metals recycling industry. As one of the nation's largest recyclers of scrap metal, Schnitzer's Metals Recycling Business collects, trades, brokers, processes and recycles metal, both ferrous (containing iron) and nonferrous (not containing iron). In addition to our deep and longstanding commitment to the highest standards of environmental stewardship, we are truly committed to reducing metals theft and actively work with Hawaii's law enforcement community to prevent and address metals theft.

This measure is consistent with that found in other states that address catalytic converter theft. We support it and again thank you for addressing metals theft in Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 2/22/2022 4:38:43 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael Kitchens	Stolen Stuff Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

I support HB1860 and urge the Committee to support it as well.

I am the founder and administrator of Stolen Stuff Hawaii (SSH). SSH is Hawaii's largest anti-crime Facebook group with over 150,000 plus vetted Hawaii-based members combined with an additional 40,000 plus Instagram followers. Our mission is to use the power of social media to help those who have been victimized by crime by helping them to locate their stolen property, provide emotional support, as well as awareness.

SSH's reach and influence are substantial, with members located throughout the State of Hawaii in all counties and districts. The majority of SSH members reside on Oahu, with just over 14% of the population in our Facebook group. We work hand-in-hand and have an incredible rapport with the Honolulu Police Department. Our group is the literal pulse of Hawaii when it comes to crime and how it affects it.

Catalytic converter theft has been a constant topic for the past few years...with many people victimized by it. Although it is only considered property crime, the effects are far reaching. When thieves steal the cats off of a vehicle, they damage the operation of it and increase the noise generated to the point where driving the vehicle is a serious issue for health and safety of both our environment as well as the people around it. It costs hundreds to even over a thousand dollars to replace and repair the damage while also causing untold heartbreak and disruption to their lives. It can take weeks and even months to be repaired if the parts on back order such as for the Toyota Prius and 4Runner, two very frequent targets.

The real problem are the purchasers of these stolen cats...that is where this needs to end, much in the same way that copper theft was reduced. It is my hope that this bill will take a hammer to catalytic converter theft and bring relief to our continually victimized community. Please support HB1860. Last year, all of the cat bills failed and our community had to face another year of this...don't let this fail again.

Mahalo,

Michael Kitchens
Stolen Stuff Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/18/2022 6:06:15 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Tristin Manuel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Tristin Manuel, Kailua Resident and Native Hawaiian.

I strongly support Bill1860. I don't fully blame the criminals, these recycle / scrap centers need to be held accountable.

I want to ask HPD how many catalytic thefts are reported a day?

Thank you,

Tristin Manuel

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Submitted on: 2/18/2022 6:36:18 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Phil Yasuhara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is a good start. If you've been victimized, it will cost you \$500 or much more to replace your catalytic converter. The least we can do is to have a record of those who are "pawning" these items. Thanks to all who sponsored this sorely needed bill!

HB-1860-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/18/2022 9:16:24 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Alice Mello	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

People buying catalytic converters should be required to keep records of who it is bought from in order to prevent them from getting stolen repeatedly.

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Submitted on: 2/19/2022 10:04:57 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
kory oakland	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Although I support the Bill's intent, I think the verbiage pertaining to car parts needs to be amended and clarified as it doesn't seem to distinguish between a possible thief or an average citizen. Section 289-2 (1) and (2) seem to make selling ANY car part as misdemeanor by anyone other than a "licensed dealer". For example, If a person buys a new vehicle and installs aftermarket rims this would seem to make it a misdemeanor for him to sell his original stock rims on Craigslist. Another scenario would be if John Doe has a 1951 Mercury that needs restoring, will buying a used bumper to replace the rusted original make him a criminal?

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Submitted on: 2/19/2022 7:55:11 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
edison	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

all should be licensed before excepting any converters, all others should be prosecuted to the extent of the law..

HB-1860-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/19/2022 10:04:49 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Rose Richards	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Rose Richards and I am in strong support of HB1860. This law is LONG OVERDUE! Everyday I worry about parking my car, everyday! Working in Kalihi for 15 years, its been a nightmare trying to secure my vehicle. I pay \$250/mo for private parking a block away from my job in order to have the peice of mind that my vehicle may not be a victim to this EXCACT crime. My neighbor has his catalytic converter stolen, my sister, and a handful of friends have all been a victim to this. It breaks my heart when families who only have ONE vehicle, get victimized and now the family needs to scramble to replace and figure out how to get their children to school, get to work, or shop for food. Have any of you senators rode the bus lately, with children and groceries in tow??? Honestly have you even been on TheBus? That alone is a bit much, with unsanitary conditions, homeless, perverts, and delays. anyway thats another bill. BUT, all I'm saying these criminals are criminals, they are going to commit crime anyway, what this bill ensures is that the Dealers, scap yards & recycle centers ARE BEING HELD ACCOUNTABE! Please pass this law.

Mahalo for your time,

Rose

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Submitted on: 2/19/2022 11:39:06 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
William Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I was a recent victim of having my catalytic convertor stolen at my place residence in Salt Lake on 2/12/2022. In the building parking lot of my condo, not on the street. A neighbor said they heard the sound at about 12 in the afternoon but did not see anyone. She recognized the sound, because she had hers stolen also. They chased them off and it was left hanging and they called the police. The suspects came back about a couple hours later, even with the police there upstairs taking the report. The police she said called out they ran off. Broad daylight! They are brazen because there are no real penalties and only a slap on the wrist because the AG does not want to prosecute when they are caught and the liberal establishment does not care for the working middle class. I had to take off from work to find and get my car repaired. Using my earned leave to spend money to fix my car. Maybe all the politicians need it to happen to them and their loved ones before they really do something.

HB-1860-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/22/2022 7:57:27 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/23/2022 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jackie Woodruff	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support HB1860 **The Catalytic Converter Bill!!**

This bill is absolutely necessary to deter vehicle theft that has become prevalent and holds accountable the parts dealers/mechanics shops. Every angle of this bill is well-written and will serve to decrease crime, as well as help honest citizens whose vehicles have been targeted.

Personal experiences have led me to understand and support this bill. I work for a non-profit family service agency and we had a company vehicle that was instrumental to assist families with a wide variety of needs. Our vehicle was constantly being stripped of essential parts such as the catalytic converter. We'd replace it and within days it was stolen again. We finally had to just give up the vehicle because it was costing our agency thousands of dollars of funding that should be used for other program needs.

My neighbors' two cars were stolen and stripped of the catalytic converters. It's a terrible feeling to be on edge all night from every outside sound, wondering if someone is out there tampering with your car so they can steal and sell parts from it.

Passing this bill will help us to all sleep better at night, will deter crime, and will hold parts dealers accountable. It is a wonderful idea and will bring positive changes.

Mahalo for your time.

Jackie Woodruff

Nanihoa Loop, Laie