



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

August 18, 2022

The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell
Assemblymember 70th District
1021 O Street, Room 4510
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 2407 (O'Donnell) Vehicle tampering: theft of catalytic converters**
City of Beverly Hills – **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember O'Donnell,

The City of Beverly Hills is pleased to report that we have adopted a position of **SUPPORT** for AB 2407, your measure to strengthen the laws governing the sale of used catalytic converters, making it more difficult for thieves to profit from selling stolen converters. This will help address the dramatic rise in catalytic converter theft by establishing a more robust reporting system for these highly sought after auto parts.

Auto parts theft is a rapidly growing issue in California. In particular, catalytic converters have become the primary target in these types of crimes. Data shows a 1,171% increase in national catalytic converter thefts since 2019, with California ranking first in the country for total number of these reported thefts.

Catalytic converters have become an unusual windfall for thieves, who can make hundreds of dollars selling them to auto parts suppliers or scrapyards. Catalytic converters can be melted and the highly valuable metals, like palladium and rhodium, extracted. Because of the global demand for the critical emission control devices, just an ounce of the precious metals themselves can be worth thousands of dollars.

A recent report released by State Farm Insurance showed that California leads the nation in the number of catalytic converter thefts. From 2019 to 2029, the Los County Sheriff's Department reported a 400% increase in catalytic converter thefts. These new reporting and notification requirements would help deter the disturbing spike in catalytic converter theft. For these reasons, we are pleased to **SUPPORT** and urge an Aye vote on AB 2407.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lili Bosse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lili Bosse,
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 26th District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, Assemblymember, 50th District
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