



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

August 18, 2022

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
Assemblymember, 66th District
1021 O Street, Room 5610
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 1740 (Muratsuchi) Catalytic Converters**
City of Beverly Hills – **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi,

The City of Beverly Hills is pleased to report that we have adopted a position of **SUPPORT** for AB 1740, your measure to establish new, more detailed record keeping requirements for core recyclers when they purchase catalytic converters. Specifically, AB 1740 would require core recyclers to maintain written records detailing identifying information including the year, make, and model of the vehicle that carried the catalytic converter and a copy of the title of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed.

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. 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.

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. For these reasons, we urge an **Aye** vote on AB 1740.

Sincerely,

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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