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To: Honorable Senator Vedaa and North Dakota Senators/Legislature

Subject: Catalytic Converter Theft Bill(s)

Pacific Steel and Recycling (Pacific) conducts recycling services in ten (10) U.S. States and Canada. Pacific has a facility in Williston, ND and supports strengthening a metal theft law in a way that punishes illegitimate businesses and disincentivizes thieves. Consequently, Pacific supports the following language:

“No person should be permitted to purchase a catalytic converter unless they are registered with the Office of the Attorney, which requires a properly zoned fixed business location licensed with the Secretary of State.” AND “An offense under this section constitutes a class C felony if the replacement value of the catalytic converter unlawfully obtained including any repair costs is \$1,000 or more.”

Pacific supports the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) and Ms. Danielle Waterfield in helping with this effort. Also, Pacific is happy to work with state elected officials in collaboration on this effort if it may be beneficial.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Farner', is written above the typed name.

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