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Good morning. I am Kevin Hanson, Midwest Regional Manager for GerdaU metals recycling. Thank you for the opportunity to appear here today to express my support for Senate Bill 2242, as amended. GerdaU will be contributing to a written submission as part of our trade association, the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries.

GerdaU is one of the world's largest steelmakers. The company's U.S. metals recycling operations – including locations in Bismarck, Fargo, Jamestown, and Minot – are fully licensed, comply with all existing metals theft legislation, and have extensive procedures in place to screen incoming material, to document transactions, and to prevent stolen goods from ending up in our facilities. We are an ally of the law enforcement community and are proud to play an integral role in stopping the theft of metals, including catalytic converters.

I commend the sponsors of this bill for working to address this important issue, and for engaging with responsible members of the recycling community and other stakeholders to ensure the legislation's effectiveness. I am pleased to offer GerdaU's full support for Senate Bill 2242 with the amendment offered today.

Thank you.