



# BURLEIGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Testimony provided for: House Transportation Committee  
By: Dustin Olson, Lieutenant, Burleigh County Sheriff's Department

My name is Dustin Olson and I am a Lieutenant with the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department. I oversee the Enforcement Division which includes our Patrol and Investigation Sections. I come here today in support of Senate Bill (SB) 2242.

The Burleigh County Sheriff's Department (BCSD) supports SB 2242 due to the increase in theft cases involving catalytic converters over the course of the past year and the difficulties that come with investigating these types of theft. In 2020, BCSD began to see thefts of catalytic converters which have continued into 2021. BCSD has also assisted area jurisdictions in several cases that involved the theft of catalytic converters. Tracing the catalytic converter back to a specific theft is extremely difficult since there is no identifying information listed on them.

The sales of the catalytic converters are being completed at local metal business's here in Burleigh County. The majority of those sales are being conducted by individuals, not businesses, with limited documentation given in order to complete the sale, other than an ID. Many of these individuals are completing sales on multiple occasions. Our investigations have discovered that many of the individuals that are completing the sales of catalytic converters have extensive criminal history, to include theft, or they have active warrants for their arrest.

With this information in mind, I ask that the House Transportation Committee give a Do Pass recommendation on SB 2242.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dustin Olson".

Lt. Dustin Olson