



January 25, 2021

**Support Statement – Senate Bill 2242**

North Dakota State Senate – Judiciary Committee

Dear Committee Members:

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) is a national, not-for-profit organization supported by approximately 1,200 property and casualty insurance companies including many who write business in North Dakota. Working with our member companies and law enforcement, we investigate organized criminal conspiracies dealing with insurance crime and vehicle theft.

We are writing to express support for Senate Bill 2232, and specifically the section penalizing those who violate the law and illegally obtain a catalytic converter.

Catalytic converter theft is on the rise, in part due to the rise in prices associated with precious metals, including rhodium, platinum, and palladium which are used in the construction of catalytic converters. The relative ease and speed in which a thief can remove a converter, coupled with the financial reward a thief can reap selling the scrap metal is what drives thefts.

We urge you to support Senate Bill 2322 and encourage its swift passage in the Senate to help crack down on those who illegally obtain catalytic converters.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at [tlynch@nicb.org](mailto:tlynch@nicb.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Lynch", is written over a horizontal line.

Tim Lynch – Senior Director, Government Affairs – National Insurance Crime Bureau