



January 26, 2023

Senator David Clemens, Chairman
Senate Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room – ND State Capitol
Bismark, ND 58505

RE: Senate Bill 2299 - In Support of

Pacific Steel and Recycling (Pacific) conducts recycling services in ten (10) U.S. States and Canada. Pacific operates a facility in Williston and supports strengthening ND metal theft law in a way that punishes illegitimate traders and disincentivizes thieves. Consequently, Pacific supports **SB 2299** and the following language therewithin:

"No person should be permitted to purchase a catalytic converter unless he/she is 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 commends the sponsor and cosponsors of **SB 2299** for addressing this matter. Pacific is grateful to the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) and Ms. Danielle Waterfield in helping with this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kirby' followed by a stylized flourish.

Kirby Farner
HSET Director
Pacific Steel and Recycling