

TireDiscounters[®]

April 18, 2023

The Honorable Cindy Abrams
Chair
House Criminal Justice Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Chair Abrams:

On behalf of Tire Discounters, I write in support of House Bill 110. Over the past four years, we have had over fifty catalytic converters stolen off vehicles on our property. The impact of these crimes hurts several aspects of the customer service experience, not to mention the adverse financial impact it places on our organization.

Taking the customer experience into consideration first, when a converter is stolen off a vehicle, that customer now must wait for us to order, receive, and replace the part, which in some instances can take weeks. Supply chain issues have only added to this problem and increased the overall cost of replacement. There is also the financial impact to our organization for replacing stolen converters. The average cost of parts and labor is between \$1500 to \$3000 to replace a catalytic converter, we have spent anywhere from \$18,000 to \$36,000 over the past four years on these types of claims. This does not factor in the cost of the rental vehicles that we secure for our customers for the period it takes to complete the repairs. In addition, several years ago we had the catalytic converters stolen from all our delivery vehicles which delayed business essential tire deliveries to our stores. Overall, there is a perverse detrimental impact on both consumers and businesses while these thefts continue to grow

We believe removing the financial incentive of selling used converters without proof of ownership to scrap metal dealers, as stipulated in House Bill 110, would dramatically cut down on the theft of catalytic converters. We thank you for your consideration of our concerns and urge you to pass House Bill 110.

Sincerely,



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