



January 20, 2023

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair, House Commerce Committee
449 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Stephenson and Members of the Commerce Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, appreciates the opportunity to comment on HF 30 (Richardson), which is being heard in the Commerce Committee on Monday. Metro Cities supports this bill.

Catalytic converter thefts have increased significantly across the metropolitan region and state. Stolen catalytic converters are sold to scrap metal dealers because they contain precious metals like platinum, palladium, and rhodium. Catalytic converter thefts have consequences for both individual and community public safety.

Metro Cities supports statutory changes making it illegal to be in possession of one or more catalytic converters unless an individual can show that it belongs to a vehicle they own, or they can provide a legal receipt of the catalytic converter from the vehicle owner. Metro Cities further supports statutory changes making it illegal for a scrap metal dealer to purchase a catalytic converter from any person other than a legitimate automobile recycling facility or an individual who can provide evidence of the catalytic converter's lawful removal.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Lund'.

Mike Lund
Government Relations Specialist
Metro Cities