

**Lori Stegmann**  
**Multnomah County Commissioner**  
Representing East County, District 4



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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Beyer, Vice Chair Findley and members of the Committee,

I am writing today in support of SB 803, which would help to curb a serious community issue happening in Multnomah County. As our community has grown, and density has increased, many people park their cars curbside. Over the past few years, we have seen an uptick in thefts of catalytic converters from neighborhoods all over the county, due to easy access.

This bill would reduce the number of catalytic converters stolen in our community. By creating additional requirements for scrap metal businesses when purchasing catalytic converters there would be no incentive to steal parts. And it would ensure that they are sold by reputable businesses and that they are not stolen goods.

This bill is a win-win. Rather than pursuing small misdemeanors that are a poor use of law enforcement and our legal system, removing the market all together allows us to focus on greater community needs. With the passage of SB 803, we can better protect community members statewide from the theft of catalytic converters. I urge your support for SB 803.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Stegmann".

Commissioner Lori Stegmann, Multnomah County District 4