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VIA TESTIMONY SUBMISSION FORM

TO: Chair Holvey, Vice Chair Bonham, Vice Chair Grayber, and members of the House
       Committee on Business and Labor

FR: Tony Belot, Government and Public Affairs Manager, Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.

RE: Support of SB 803-A

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

I serve as Government Affairs Manager for Schnitzer Steel, which was founded in Portland in 1906 and as an Oregon company has grown into one of North America's largest recyclers of metal and a manufacturer of steel from recycled scrap metal. Schnitzer Steel was honored with the prestigious designation as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies, a testament to our ongoing commitment to operating safely and responsibly.

Schnitzer Steel represents approximately 150 employees with family wage jobs at its operating facilities within the City of Portland and another approximately 180 employees at its Portland corporate headquarters and provides recycled metal throughout the greater Portland region and beyond. Our Cascade Steel Rolling Mill in McMinnville provides another 400 jobs. We are deeply imbedded in the Oregon community and concerned about the nation-wide rash in catalytic converter thefts.

        We would like to thank Senator Gorsek's Office and the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office for allowing us to join in the collaborative effort on SB 803-A. In the spirit of continued collaboration, we support SB 80-A and believe that it will reduce the illicit trade in stolen catalytic converters and provide law enforcement the tools it needs to make it easier to find and apprehend those who engage in catalytic converter thefts, while also maintaining a regulated, legal pathway for the metals to be reclaimed and returned to the manufacturing supply chain.

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        For the reasons outlined in this letter, Schnitzer support SB 803-A. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. If you would like to discuss Schnitzer's position further, please reach out to our government affairs representative, Hasina Wittenberg, or me.