



May 5, 2021

Representative Paul Holvey, Chair  
House Committee on Business and Labor  
Oregon House  
Salem, Oregon

**Re: Lane Transit District Supports SB 803 A**

Dear Chair Holvey and members of the committee,

I am writing today on behalf of Lane Transit District. LTD provides mass transit services in the Eugene and Springfield metro area serving a diverse community of commuters, students, seniors, workers and families every day. In addition to our fixed route and bus rapid transit services, we serve the community's paratransit needs, with our RideSource service. I write today in strong support of SB 803 A, which would create commonsense requirements for the purchase or receipt of catalytic convertors.

Catalytic convertors can be found in all vehicles, including buses, helping control emissions and reduce pollutants. LTD currently has a variety of vehicles in use that provide reliable transportation services to all people within our diverse community. Unfortunately, our operations have been impacted by several instances of theft of catalytic convertors from our RideSource, paratransit vehicles. RideSource provides origin-to-destination for transportation for over 35,000 individuals, including older adults, people with disabilities, Medicaid enrollees and others who may be unable to use traditional modes of transport.

While our paratransit vehicles that serve our RideSource community are kept in a secure, locked facility, we saw five catalytic convertors stolen in 2020. In these instances, the vehicle(s) impacted must be taken out of service to replace the appropriate parts. Not only does this create an expense for LTD, but it also impacts our service to those who desperately need access to reliable transportation.

SB 803A would help to deter theft of catalytic convertors by restricting the sale and receipt of these parts at scrap metal businesses, except from commercial sellers. We request the committee vote to send this commonsense bill to the Senate Floor and help to alleviate some of the consequences that the theft of these parts place on our transportation system and community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aurora Jackson', written in a cursive style.

Aurora Jackson  
General Manager, Lane Transit District