



March 31, 2025

The Honorable Chris Gorsek and Susan McLain
Oregon State Legislature
Joint Committee on Transportation
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 2706 – Letter of Support

Dear Committee Chairs Gorsek and McLain and Members of the Joint Committee:

On behalf of LKQ Corporation, please receive these written comments in support of HB 2706, which is scheduled for a hearing before your Joint Committee on March 31st at 5:00 pm. LKQ supports this bill that seeks to consider two conceptual amendments related to pressing issues negatively impacting Oregon’s auto dismantling industry, as follows:

- **Dismantler Certification**

LKQ participated in the stakeholder process led by then-Speaker Tina Kotek whereby the auto dismantler certification was changed from a three-year to a one-year renewal period. Despite industry’s concerns, this change was enacted primarily due to an unfortunate fire incident that took place in the Speaker’s district. Law-abiding businesses such as LKQ and others in the auto dismantling industry respectfully ask you to reconsider this costly certificate renewal requirement and move it from a one-year to a two-year recertification. This change will alleviate financial and logistical burdens for responsible auto dismantlers that already comply with local, state and federal guidelines.

- **Major Component Parts**

LKQ’s Portland facilities have experienced increased and ongoing motor vehicle and auto parts theft, resulting in safety concerns for our employees and customers. We are seeking legislation action focusing specifically on deterring auto parts organized retail theft. The rising value of modern auto parts is a significant driver of this type of organized theft. Auto parts on modern vehicles are worth thousands of dollars and have become appealing to the black market, creating a lucrative market for stolen goods. Organized theft rings can quickly resell these parts through various channels, including online marketplaces and illicit networks.

By expanding the scope of the “major component parts” definition, bad actors would encounter identification, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements that may result in theft deterrence, similar to the efforts pursued by the recent addition of catalytic converters to this

definition. Items to consider including are propulsion batteries (batteries with the primary purpose of supplying power to propel an electric or hybrid vehicle), headlamps, radio/navigation systems, and aluminum wheels.

These amendments will greatly benefit Oregon's auto dismantling industry. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input and collaborate with members of the Legislature and stakeholders to advance sound policy measures for the automotive industry, the environment, and the communities we serve. For the reasons listed above, **we respectfully ask you to support HB 2706.**

[LKQ Corporation](#) is a global leading provider of alternative and specialty parts to repair and accessorize automobiles and other vehicles. LKQ offers its customers a broad range of replacement systems, components, equipment and parts for automobiles, trucks, and recreational and performance vehicles. LKQ recently became the largest U.S. provider of mobile, on-site vehicle services to automotive collision repairers, mechanical repairers and national fleets, providing a full array of repair solutions including diagnostics and calibration, re-flashing, programming, pre and post collision repair diagnostics and other mechanical services. LKQ has a global industry leading team of over 45,000 employees and operates over 1,600 locations in 25 countries.

Respectfully,

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