



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Lili Bosse, Mayor

September 26, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 1740 (Muratsuchi) Catalytic Converters**
City of Beverly Hills – **REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom,

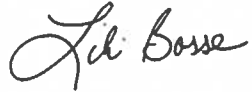
The City of Beverly Hills requests that you **SIGN AB 1740** into law. This measure would establish new, more detailed record keeping requirements for core recyclers when they purchase catalytic converters. Specifically, **AB 1740** would require core recyclers to maintain written records which include the year, make, and model of the vehicle that carried the catalytic converter and a copy of the title of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed.

Catalytic converters have become an unusual windfall for thieves, who can make hundreds of dollars selling them to auto parts suppliers or scrapyards. Catalytic converters can be melted and the highly valuable metals, like palladium and rhodium, can be extracted for resale. Because of the global demand for the critical emission control devices, just an ounce of the precious metals can be worth thousands of dollars. Data shows a 1,171 percent increase in national catalytic converter thefts since 2019, with California ranking first in the country for total number of these reported thefts.

A recent report released by State Farm Insurance showed that California leads the nation in the number of catalytic converter thefts. From 2019 to 2020, the Los County Sheriff's Department reported a 400 percent increase in catalytic converter thefts.

For these reasons, we request that you **SIGN AB 1740** into law in order to help defer catalytic converter thefts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lili Bosse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lili Bosse,
Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Al Muratsuchi, Assemblymember, 66th District
The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator, 26th District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, Assemblymember, 50th District
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