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March 10, 2025

Chairman Jeff Meyers
 House Crime and Public Safety Committee
 MO House of Representatives
 201 West Capitol Avenue, Room 405-B
 Jefferson City MO 65101

Dear Chairman Meyers and Members of the Committee,

Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. HB 2530 will ensure valuable materials are responsibly reused and recycled with a regulatory framework that oversees all recyclers in the industry. Therefore, we urge you to vote “yes” on HB 2530.

The bill strengthens oversight of scrap metal recycling in Missouri by requiring licenses for all dealers, rebuilders, and scrap processors handling regulated metals. It also mandates detailed record-keeping, proof of ownership for sellers, and electronic reporting to the state. These measures help deter the sale of stolen materials while providing law enforcement and regulators with better tools to track transactions and ensure compliance. Strengthening transparency protects legitimate recyclers while discouraging illegal activity.

Scrap metal recycling also provides significant environmental benefits. Recycling metals reduces the need for new mining and manufacturing, which lowers energy use and emissions. For example, aluminum recycling can have a carbon footprint up to twenty-five times lower than producing aluminum from raw ore. Additionally, many metals, aluminum especially, are considered infinitely recyclable meaning it can be reused over and over again with very little mass lost. Metal recycling allows us to protect our natural resources, and should be encouraged and protected.

By improving oversight of the scrap metal industry while supporting responsible recycling practices, HB 2530 helps ensure that these materials are handled safely, transparently, and sustainably. For these reasons, Missouri Coalition for the Environment respectfully asks the committee to vote “yes” on HB

2530. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Sincerely,
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HB 2530 strengthens oversight of scrap metal recycling in Missouri by requiring licenses for all dealers, rebuilders, and scrap processors handling regulated metals. It mandates detailed record-keeping, proof of ownership for sellers, and electronic reporting to the state. This will protect sheet metal recyclers from increased liability and danger, while also ensuring valuable materials are responsibly reused and recycled. Please vote YES.



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This notice is submitted to preserve the legislative record regarding foreseeable constitutional and structural concerns arising from House Bill 2530.

HB 2530 substantially expands Missouri’s regulation of scrap metal transactions by broadening the category of “regulated metal,” imposing mandatory transaction reporting to the Department of Revenue, expanding recordkeeping obligations, prohibiting cash payments, and authorizing the development of a searchable electronic list of persons “known for theft or to be receivers of stolen property” from whom licensed entities may not purchase regulated metal.

The objective of reducing theft of copper, catalytic converters, utility materials, and other regulated metals is legitimate. However, several provisions of the bill, as drafted, raise serious due process, vagueness, and arbitrary-enforcement concerns.

First, the no-buy list authorized under sections 407.299 and 407.304 presents the most significant constitutional defect. The bill authorizes the Department to provide scrap dealers and metal recycling entities with a searchable list of persons “known for theft or to be receivers of stolen property,” and categorically prohibits purchases from any person identified on that list. Yet the bill provides no meaningful statutory standards governing:

- how a person is placed on the list,
- what evidence is sufficient for inclusion,
- whether inclusion requires arrest, charge, conviction, or some lesser law-enforcement suspicion,
- what notice must be given to the affected person,
- what procedure exists to challenge or appeal inclusion,
- how long a person may remain on the list,
- or what standards govern removal.

A statutory scheme that effectively bars individuals from participating in otherwise lawful commercial transactions cannot rest on an undefined label such as “known for theft” without clear procedural safeguards. As drafted, this provision invites arbitrary enforcement and creates a substantial procedural due process problem.

Second, the phrase “known for theft” is itself impermissibly vague. It does not identify whether the legislature intends to rely upon convictions, pending criminal charges, law enforcement intelligence, prior arrests, informal suspicion, or some other undefined criterion.

Statutes that impose legal disabilities based on such indefinite language are especially vulnerable where they authorize state-created blacklisting without clear review standards.

Third, the bill creates an expansive transaction-surveillance regime requiring collection and retention of personal identifying information, vehicle information, photographs, affidavits, and transaction data, combined with mandatory reporting to the Department. Although commercial recordkeeping requirements are not inherently unconstitutional, the breadth of the information collected and the absence of more precise limits on departmental use and list-based exclusion increase the risk that lawful sellers may be subjected to improper scrutiny or exclusion without adequate recourse.

Fourth, the bill authorizes the Department to collaborate with local law enforcement to prepare the no-buy list, yet fails to establish objective statutory guardrails governing that collaboration. When agency action is tied to law-enforcement designation and results in categorical commercial exclusion, the legislature should define the legal standard with far greater precision than this bill currently provides.

**HB 2530 therefore raises substantial concerns involving:
procedural due process,
void-for-vagueness doctrine,
risk of arbitrary and inconsistent enforcement,
and the creation of a state-administered blacklist without adequate statutory protections.**

If the General Assembly wishes to address metal theft, it may do so through tighter documentation requirements, non-cash payment rules, delayed processing requirements, and clearly defined restrictions tied to objective criminal adjudications. What it should not do is authorize exclusion from lawful transactions based on a vague and undefined designation such as being “known for theft.”

This notice is submitted to preserve the legislative record regarding those concerns.



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