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3/18/2019 SB219 Axis Iron & Metal Recycling Co., Inc. By Laurie Campbell
In OPPOSITION

I am writing to express our opposition to SB219. This is an unnecessary burden that will impact all of Kansas scrap yards, but be a huge burden on the smaller ones and potentially force some to close.

This keeps getting more costly and burdensome to us business owners. Other than our commercial accounts, we are here for a place for residents to clean up their property, house, junk cars, etc. and recycle material. Many of our customers get aggravated by having to show their driver's license to bring in an old broken washer or dryer, hot water tank, or some old fence they want to clean up and get rid of.

This is making a mountain out of a molehill and all they need to do is make the provisions that Senator Tyson has gotten approved for the last two years, made permanent. No database, No fingerprinting of established dealers, No fee increase.

They admitted that scrap theft is down. The key to keeping metal theft down is to impose strong penalties to the ones stealing it - not to overburden the business owners.

All of this is not necessary and its becoming an over reach of government. The simple fix to this is to have all of the scrap metal dealers registered (for a minimal fee or even go off of our Kansas Dealer license that we already have to have) and have the Attorney General send out email alerts in the event of a theft. It's literally that simple and doesn't overburden anyone.

We shouldn't be taxed and legislated right out of business. Punish the criminals, not the business owners.

Sincerely,

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