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The Honorable Chair Senator Kevin Cook
Senate Commerce & Human Resources Committee
1184 E Lazy Lane
Idaho Falls, ID 83404

Re: OPPOSE Senate Bill 1233, TRADE PRACTICES AND FRAUDS – Amends existing law to include additional automotive parts within the definition of aftermarket crash part” and to provide for a disclosure statement regarding safety and performance for non-OEM crash parts.

Dear Chair Cook and members of the Committee,

The Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA) appreciates the opportunity to submit the following testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 1233 (SB 1233), which discriminates against the use of any motor vehicle repair part not sourced by the original equipment manufacturer of a motor vehicle. SB 1233 is contrary to the public interest as it seeks to modify existing law to restrict the use of recycled original equipment motor vehicle repair parts and aftermarket vehicle parts by requiring a disclosure document to be provided that includes a statement designed to dissuade a vehicle owner from using any repair part other than those sourced by a manufacturer. Should SB 1233 pass in its current form, not only will vehicle repairs become more costly but there will be a larger number of vehicles declared a total loss. Therefore, ARA requests that the Committee vote against SB 1233.

Since 1943, the Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA) has represented professional automotive recyclers, a vibrant and thriving part of the automotive supply chain. Professional automotive recycling facilities play an important role in the vehicle repair market by providing vehicle owners with affordable alternatives to the more expensive new original equipment manufacturer (OEM) replacement parts. Professional automotive recyclers provide vehicle owners with the ability to choose recycled automotive repair parts, ensuring competition in the replacement parts market and providing vehicle owners with the ability to repair their vehicles with OEM replacement parts. Every day, professional automotive recyclers supply Recycled Original Equipment (ROE) ® motor vehicle replacement parts to consumers around the world. In many cases, automotive recyclers are the only source for replacement vehicle parts.

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