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A MEMORIAL

URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE EVERY CATALYTIC CONVERTER
TO HAVE A PERMANENT IDENTIFYING NUMBER.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, a catalytic converter is an essential part of a vehicle's
4 exhaust system that is designed to filter out harmful emissions; and

5 Whereas, catalytic converters contain the precious metal palladium,
6 rhodium or platinum, and the average cost to replace a catalytic converter
7 ranges from \$1,000 to \$3,000; and

8 Whereas, according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, the
9 average stolen catalytic converter is resold for between \$50 and \$240; and

10 Whereas, in 2021, one study estimated that 669 catalytic converter
11 thefts occurred in Arizona, a 370 percent increase from the reported
12 number in 2020; and

13 Whereas, the study estimated that, from January through May 2021,
14 25,969 catalytic converter thefts occurred in the United States, an 80
15 percent increase from the 14,433 reported stolen in 2020.

16 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
17 Arizona, prays:

18 1. That the United State Congress enact legislation to require that
19 every catalytic converter have its own unique, permanent identifying
20 number in order to deter the recent rise of thefts of catalytic converters
21 and sales to scrap metal dealers.

22 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
23 copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the
24 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of
25 Congress from the State of Arizona.