

Dear Chair and members of the committee;

My name is Dennis Savage and I live in Lisbon, CT. I am asking you to vote for bill #HB 5950 "AA Requiring Junk Dealers To Require Proof of Identification of Persons From Whom Property Is Received".

Just a little over a year ago on a beautiful and unusually bright, full moon night I was robbed. The thief entered our property through a fence separating us from an adjacent neighbor and looked for and stole only items for which he could sell for cash without any personal responsibility.

I lost approximately 25% of my personal annual income that night when he stole classic automobile radiators and several hundred pounds of copper electrical wire that had been stripped and coiled for recycle. His intent was to return for more as a state trooper and I tracked his footprints in the snow to a stash of my car batteries and dropped pieces of copper on a neighbors' property with footprints leading through several adjoining properties to another Lisbon address.

Much damage and personal loss occurs on a regular basis from drug addicts who steal recyclables because they receive cash with no accountability. They destroy homes by cutting the plumbing systems like the one under renovation in Preston that blew up, remove copper ground wires from CL&P poles like the theft in North Stonington and even a \$20,000 bronze statue from cemetery in Bozrah that was cut up for scrap.

Refuse and recycling industries are extremely lucrative in today's economy. They should bear more responsibility for the illegal transfer of stolen property.

When pawning goods we must prove ownership with photo ID. When selling an automobile for use or junk we must prove ownership with a signed title. Recycle centers buying scrap should also require proof of ownership with a photo ID and signature to match or be required to notify the local or state police at the time of attempted sale of questionable items.

After all, the money being gained illegally is supporting activities like the Mexican drug cartels who are killing American missionaries and border patrol agents and our enemies the Taliban who are killing US soldiers.

Thank you, Dennis R. Savage gosynthetic.den56.com

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