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Senator Andrew Maynard
Representative Tony Guerrero
Transportation Committee
Room 2300
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: LCO No. 1814 Concerning Remanufactured Parts

Dear Senator Maynard and Representative Guerrero:

Honda opposes LCO No. 1814 as written. Honda's Northeast regional operations are based in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, and employs 100 residents at this facility. In addition, Honda dealerships employ 1900 residents statewide. Honda is a leader in providing a wide range of consumer products that utilize the latest environmental and safety technologies.

LCO No. 1814 specifies that the state fleet of vehicles is to be maintained and repaired using recycled, remanufactured or aftermarket parts. Honda designs and builds its products to meet the highest safety standards in order to provide the maximum protection to the driver and occupants of its vehicles. For key safety parts and systems, use of recycled or aftermarket parts would compromise the safety of the occupants of state vehicles. For example, an airbag from a salvage vehicle is susceptible to exposure to weather and conditions that could impair its operation. An aftermarket airbag is often assembled from salvage parts and has not been tested or certified for proper deployment.

The language in LCO No. 1814 is too narrowly written and does not allow for real world factors, as indicated above. Although we support the concept of assessing all available options in making vehicle repair choices, LCO No. 1814 does not provide for such assessments. We respectfully advise you of our opposition to this act, unless it is amended.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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