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MANAGEMENT

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Dear Senator Osten, Representative Rojas and members of the Planning and Development Committee,

Sims Metal Management is a scrap metal dealer with yards in North Haven, New Haven, and Stamford. We process more than 400 transactions, totalling more than 1,000 gross tons daily at our facilities in North Haven and New Haven. We comply with current state statute, which requires a scrap metal processor take a description of each scrap metal load they receive, weight of the metal, price paid, and identification of the person who delivered the metal. The statute also requires scrap metal processors to take a picture of the vehicle delivering the scrap including the license plate; these documents must be retained for two years and made available to law enforcement. Sims Metal Management supports House Bill 5506.

We are concerned with whether the resources exist to enforce laws directed at reducing the theft of scrap metal - whether existing or proposed. As you know there are several requirements already on the books but it does not seem that the resources are there to be able to enforce them across the state. We also are concerned with the imposition of requirements that apply to in-state recyclers but not to out-of-state recyclers which may pick up loads in-state but are not regulated by these laws.

We applaud the committee's efforts on this bill, and would appreciate the opportunity to provide Committee members with a tour of our scrap yard to see the process and the current safeguards in place to ensure we do not buy stolen scrap. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about how this bill will impact the scrap metal industry or if you would like to schedule a tour.

Sincerely,

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