



March 11, 2011

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

Re: House Bill 2312

We are writing concerning the proposed House Bill (2312) which has a hearing date scheduled on March 14, 2011. We have reviewed this Bill and feel there are many items listed that are a detriment to our business. Though we realize there are always improvements that can and need to be made in any business, we feel that many items proposed in this Bill will greatly inhibit our ability to conduct business in the state of Kansas without reducing metals theft.

Commercial Metals Company Recycling (CMCR) is a publicly traded company that was established in 1915. Our core values include integrity, honesty, respect and the highest ethical, moral and legal standards. We are a member of ISRI (Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries). CMCR follows all guidelines as set out by KS State Statutes, including environmental laws, business licensing, etc. Our standard operating procedures include obtaining the customer's name, address and a copy of his/her driver's license. We are equipped with security cameras located above all scales and cameras which view and record all customers above the cashier areas. Our standards are exceptional and we have worked diligently with local law enforcement with our current surveillance system and detailed paperwork to deter the sale of stolen property to our facility. We believe that concessions could be made in this House Bill allowing surveillance, scanned copies of customer's driver's licenses, etc. as an alternative to some of the more stringent requirements such as check payment, which will place undue burden on legitimate customers.

While we agree with Kansas Lawmakers that there is needed legislation to curb the rise in metals theft, we feel that placing this bill back in committee and involving members of our industry in the solution could have a much more successful result.

We greatly appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

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