



January 29, 2020

Representative Richard Proehl  
Chair  
Transportation Committee  
Kansas House of Representatives

Re: House Bill 2482

Dear Chairman Proehl and Members of the Committee:

The Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA) represents over 4,500 professional automotive recyclers across the United States and in 14 countries internationally. On behalf of the licensed professional automotive recycling facilities operating in Kansas, I would like to express opposition to House Bill 2482, which would exclude inflatable restraint systems from the definition of “cost of repairs” when determining whether a damaged vehicle is deemed salvage. If passed into law, this exclusion would present a significant public safety concern for Kansas consumers and drivers.

ARA strongly believes that a vehicle’s entire history should be available to consumers. If a vehicle was in an accident which caused the inflatable safety restraints to be deployed, requiring replacement, repair or installation – that is something the consumer must know. Anything less effectively reduces the ability for a consumer to make informed decisions about vehicle purchases and could result in significantly damaged vehicles receiving a clean title.

Additionally, HB 2482 would further the existing problems facing Kansas’ salvage titling laws, which already allows extensively damaged vehicles to retain a clean title simply because they are older than seven model-years old.

ARA asks members of the Committee to recognize the danger this proposed legislation presents to the citizens of Kansas. I see no reason to exclude inflatable safety restraints from the state’s salvage vehicle determination and am more than willing to work with stakeholders and Committee members to find a better solution. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sandy Blalock'.

Sandy Blalock  
Executive Director

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