

## PART Act Talking Points

1. The *Preventing Auto Recycling Theft Act* (PART Act) has been reintroduced in both the House (H.R.621) and Senate (S.154).
2. The PART Act would assist law enforcement in combatting rising catalytic converter theft by providing a national framework requiring catalytic converters to be stamped with an identifying mark traceable to the vehicle's identification number (VIN), establish federal criminal penalties and create a more transparent market that deters theft. Five years of jail time would be imposed for the theft, sale, trafficking or known purchase of stolen converters.
3. According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, there has been a 1,215% increase in thefts nationwide since the pandemic began. ARA members responding to a 2022 survey reported that 38% experienced catalytic converter theft.
4. The costs involved in this theft are huge. Stolen catalytic converters can be sold on the illegal market anywhere from \$200 - \$350 with replacement costs to vehicle owners averaging over \$2,500.
5. Please co-sponsor H.R.621 or S.154 and the many associations who support this effort.