

COMPANY LETTERHEAD

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The Honorable Ed Hernandez
California State Senate
State Capitol Room 4085
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 750 – OPPOSE

Dear Senator Hernandez:

We are writing to oppose SB 750.

INSERT INFO ABOUT YOUR COMPANY – WHAT YOU DO, HOW YOU SERVICE CONSUMERS

Almost all other vehicle manufacturers are complying with current law. SB 750 gives European automakers a permanent exclusion which will greatly impact vehicle owners and thousands of small businesses in a negative way.

More and more electronic vehicle systems are becoming involved with the vehicle immobilizer systems. In the case of one major German automaker, certain parts with frequent failures are being handled as 'security' or theft related parts (TRP) components and not made available through normal parts distribution channels. The argument for inclusion as TRP is being made under the pretext of "vehicle security" but this categorization of TRP is really an anti-competitive action to drive post sales non warranty business to dealerships.

This severely limits the repair choices of the vehicle owners which drives up costs. In addition, if granted to some manufacturer, this immobilizer system loophole will be adopted by more and more manufacturers causing the problem to become much more widespread.

There is a seemingly simple solution which would incorporate a simple programming process which would safeguard vehicle security AND allow a stranded motorist with assistance of a registered locksmith to produce a replacement key on site. Many manufacturers have already adopted this system, why do these European manufacturers continue to maintain their anti-competitive and anti-consumer system for making key codes available to locksmiths and independent service facilities.

We are happy to talk to you about alternatives, but in the absence of amendments to that end, we must oppose SB 750.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

(YOUR NAME)