

Senator Ed Hernandez
California State Capitol
Room 4085
Sacramento, CA 94248-0001

Senator,
I am writing in opposition of SB750.

I am a small business owner here in North Carolina. The business primarily remanufactures electronic control units for European automobiles. Striking the language in the original 2006 Migden bill will essentially grant the Europeans a permanent exclusion greatly impacting vehicle owners and hundreds 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 Mercedes certain parts with frequent failures are being handled as “security” components and not made available through normal parts distribution channels. The argument is vehicle security, but it is really just a ploy to drive after sales non warranty business to the dealerships. This severely limits the repair choices of the vehicle owners driving up costs significantly. As more and more manufacturers adopt this type of immobilizer system the problem will become much more widespread even outside the European market further harming businesses and vehicle owners.

The solution to the problem is simple for the Europeans. I have attached a document outlining 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.

Regards,

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