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The Honorable Miguel Santiago
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 238 (Support)

Dear Assemblymember Santiago,

BACKGROUND OF ADVANCED METAL MANUFACTURING SECTOR

California is home to approximately 4,000 advanced metal manufacturing facilities, employing over 350,000 Californians. The average industry salary is \$66,400/year in wages and benefits. 8 out of 10 employees in the metalworking sector are considered ethnic minorities or reside in disadvantaged communities. A job in the metal manufacturing sector is often the only path to the middle class for many of these Californians.

California metal manufacturers use recycled metal (ex: aluminum, brass, iron and steel) to make parts for the aerospace industry, clean energy technologies, electric cars, biotech apparatuses, medical devices, national defense items, agriculture, infrastructure, construction machinery, household appliances, food processing and storage, movement of water, and millions of other products demanded by society.

SUPPORT FOR AB 238: VEHICLE DISMANTLER INDUSTRY STRIKE TEAM (VDIST)

CMC supports AB 238, which will extend the sunset until 2023 of the multi state agency Vehicle Dismantler Industry Strike Team (VDIST) that was established in 2016 by your AB 1858. The accomplishments of the VDIST to-date and the proposed extension outlined in AB 238 are important steps in continuing to address the serious problem of unlicensed and unregulated automobile dismantling in California.

Sincerely,

James Simonelli
Executive Director