



National Conference of Insurance Legislators
385 Jordan Road
Troy, NY 12180

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Dear Ms. Nolan,

I am president of the Automotive Occupant Restraints Council (AORC) whose members comprise over 90% of the active and passive safety suppliers for automotive. The Automotive Occupant Restraints Council was established in 1961 at the request of the National Safety Council to oversee the quality and business practices of the new automotive seat belt industry, today we encompass the full spectrum of active and passive occupant safety components and still have many of the original charter members. The Council operates under the guidance of a board of directors and an executive committee with a president and administrator to carry out the day to day business of the organization. Our mission is to save lives by supporting regulation and legislation which promote auto safety, by providing the latest life saving technologies and by supporting auto safety education programs.

I just became aware of your organization and the upcoming agenda for your meeting. I would like to comment on the proposed Model Act Regarding Auto Air Bag Fraud.

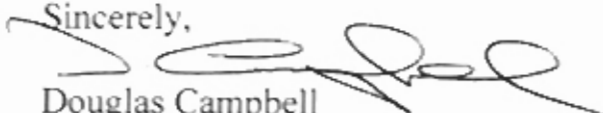
AORC supports the concept of having a guideline for State Legislators to pass laws governing this topic. We fully support the idea of having laws that make it a crime to install or use fraudulent air bags and the reporting requirement for the proper installation of the air bag. We especially appreciate the provision against the installation of just the covers which look like real air bags, but are only the decorative part. We further would like to see the air bag serial number recorded against the VIN for potential recall

tracking if ever needed. We are against the use of salvaged air bags as their history is unknown and potential damage to the product is not known. These salvage air bags should not be allowed. The salvage air bags could have been in a flood, been taken apart and had internal damage, the bags punctured through handling, been subject to a recall or a host of other potential issues not known which could cause the innocent purchaser to not be protected properly. We recommend that all air bags in scrapped vehicles be safely deployed so they can be recycled safely and prevent their potential misuse in the replacement business.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment and make recommendations on the proposed Model Act on Auto Air Bag Fraud.

Please feel free to contact me and I would appreciate being added to your information distribution system in the future so we can be of assistance on going.

Sincerely,



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