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## **Rep. Rettinger's Catalytic Converter Theft Bill Signed into Law**

Freshman Lawmaker Continues to Prioritize Public Safety as District's Top Concern

Madison – The Catalytic Converter Theft Accountability Act, formerly known as Assembly Bill 637, introduced by Representative Nik Rettinger (R-Mukwonago) in conjunction with the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office, was signed into law by Governor Tony Evers today at the Wisconsin State Capitol. The signing concludes a months-long, overwhelmingly bipartisan effort to streamline prosecutions for thefts of catalytic converters. Following passage, Rep. Rettinger said:

*"I am proud to have another public safety measure signed by the Governor. It is no secret that catalytic converter thefts have only grown more rampant across Wisconsin in recent years. These thieves are able to saw off a catalytic converter in 50 seconds, boldly stealing from public places such as schools, businesses, and apartment parking lots. My legislation will streamline the process of prosecution to ensure these criminal actors are brought to justice and provide some relief to the prosecutorial backlog in Wisconsin's Court System."*

AB 637 adds catalytic converters to the state's list of parts that are considered a "major part" of an automobile. The bills had broad, bipartisan support in both chambers and additionally received support from a host of law enforcement groups such as the Wisconsin State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police, insurance groups such as AAA Wisconsin, and the City of Milwaukee.

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*The 83rd Assembly District includes portions of Waukesha, Racine, and Walworth Counties including the municipalities of Mukwonago, Eagle, Big Bend, Vernon, Muskego, Waterford, East Troy, Troy, and Troy Center.*