



January 28, 2024

The Honorable Jesse Sumner
Chair, House Labor and Commerce Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska

RE: SB 37 - Counterfeit Airbags - Position: Support

Dear Chair Sumner:

I am writing on behalf of General Motors to express our support for Senate Bill 37, which seeks to prevent the trafficking of counterfeit supplemental restraint systems and nonfunctional airbags.

Supplemental restraint systems, commonly referred to as airbags, are one of the most important safety features of today's automobile. These devices have saved countless lives and reduced the severity of injury of those involved in automobile accidents an immeasurable number of times.

Counterfeit airbags present a serious public safety risk to consumers. Counterfeit airbags are known to malfunction by either failing to inflate or by inflating but expelling dangerous shrapnel. We believe regulation of counterfeit airbags will play an important role in maintaining the integrity of this life-saving device.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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