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The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the New Mexico Environment Department's review of exemptions, via NM House Joint Memorial 3.

SEMA supports retaining the law's exemptions for motor vehicles, motor vehicle equipment, other motor vehicles such as off-highway and specialty vehicles, used products and qualifying substances. These exemptions recognize that complex, durable automotive products have different safety, performance and service-life requirements than other consumer goods.

Specialty automotive parts may need to withstand heat, friction, fuels, oils, weather and repeated mechanical stress. Removing the exemptions before reliable alternatives have been identified and validated could shorten product life, disrupt the availability of replacement and specialty parts, and increase costs for motorists and small businesses. It could also affect vehicle safety or efficiency when substitute materials cannot meet the same requirements.

SEMA respectfully recommends retaining these exemptions. Thank you for considering SEMA's comments.