

## Gina M

On Christmas Eve morning, I loaded my car up and was about to head out for a day of cookie making, present wrapping, and family connection. When I started my car I realized something was wrong, only to find someone stole my catalytic converter. They also cut past the flanges in my exhaust system so I have to replace that plus the o2 censor.

The fact this board has hiked the cost up to over 900 for a catalytic converter is effectively rewarding the thieves, and causing lower income constituents in the state SEVERE financial hardships because of some arbitrary state board.

If the EPA approves, it should be good enough for us. And if you're requiring CARB approvals, you need to do something about the clear and present price gouging happening to Californians. Catalytic converter thefts are a statewide epidemic and with the lack of police support regarding these type of victimless crimes it leave us between a rock and a hard place. You need to do better and fix the cost or get rid of the arbitrary emissions standards you are assigning to them.

Thank you for your consideration.