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Department of Public Health  
Attn: Environmental Permitting and Inspections  
333 South State Street, Room 200  
Chicago, IL 60604

To whom it may concern:

**RE: City of Chicago Department of Public Health Proposed Rules for Large Recycling Facilities**

Our company, Bionic Auto Parts is an automotive recycling facility that sells used auto parts located in the Chicago. Our business has operated in Chicago for 43 years. We are a family-owned and operated business that employs 48 people in our operation. We purchase late model, high end automobiles for dismantling and sale of used parts. We responsibly handle automotive fluids and other harmful byproducts of the automotive dismantling process. We are not a scrap metal processing facility. Our facility participates in and is certified under the Auto & Truck Recyclers of Illinois' (ATRI) Illinois Green Certified Automotive Recycling (IL Green CAR) Program.

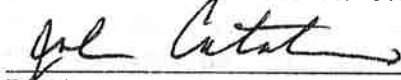
Our facility is committed to exceptional environmental and safety standards. Our certification in the IL Green CAR Program demonstrates that we are among the most proactive automotive recyclers in both the State of Illinois and nationally. We are leaders in environmental and safety compliance. Many of the auto recycling facilities operating in the Chicago Metropolitan area today are small family-run businesses that cannot afford dramatic increases in fees and expenses associated with permitting. These businesses would be unduly and unnecessarily burdened by the proposed increase in complexity and cost of permitting.

Auto salvage yards are a vital part of the Illinois economy and have a major impact on resource conservation. By recycling automotive parts, we save the natural ores, oil, water, and energy needed to manufacture new parts. This reduces air pollution as well as our nation's dependence on foreign oil. Additionally, parts that cannot be reused provide the number one source of our national scrap metal supply. Tons of cast iron, steel, aluminum, platinum, copper, and lead are recovered annually by the automotive recycling industry.

We are asking you to consider excluding automotive recyclers, specifically used auto parts sales facilities, from classification as Large Recycling Facilities. We believe that our business would be unduly and unnecessarily burdened by being included as large recycling facilities in the proposed rules. Bionic Auto Parts & Sales Inc. is writing to express our opposition to the proposed rules for large recycling facilities. These proposed increases would have a significant economic impact on our business and Chicago's automotive recycling industry as a whole. We strongly oppose being included in the proposed rules for large recycling facilities.

Thank you for your consideration,

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