

STATEMENT BY SENATOR SCHUMER

"We all know that you can't always judge a book by its cover and the same is true with many used cars that end up at junk and salvage yards. Consumers deserve to know the true origin and condition of the vehicles they are purchasing, including whether that car was once stolen.

It is simple: for sixteen years, the Department of Justice and junk yards have been eschewing their responsibility to consumers, law enforcement, and the public by ignoring their mandate to routinely file the required reports. It is about time that all parties were forced to comply with what I believe is a common sense measure to fight auto theft and to protect the public from fraud. I am encouraged by Public Citizen's efforts on this case, and I hope that this important law will finally be enforced as it should have been from day one."

--U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer