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Subject: Reply from Senator Booker

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Dear Joe:

Thank you for taking the time to write to me about mandatory tire registration for independent sellers. I rely on the input of engaged New Jerseyans like you when making decisions, and I appreciate you sharing your thoughts.

As you may know, the Senate recently passed a 3-year transportation reauthorization bill that included a number of provisions to address safety on our nation's roads and highways. One such provision in the bill requires independent distributors and dealers of tires to electronically transmit recall registration information to tire manufacturers. This provision was included because according to the National Transportation Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA), tire recall registration rates are at an all-time low of just 15 percent. With so few tire purchasers in the recall registration database, it is nearly impossible for manufacturers to get lifesaving recall information to many individuals who rely on these tires to safely transport their loved ones.

I understand your concern about the additional requirements this legislation may impose on small businesses. Independent tire sellers are already required to collect customer name and contact information and to provide customers with the relevant Tire Identification Number (TIN). However, the current system of voluntary registration, either by the seller or the consumer, has not resulted in registration rates high enough to ensure that defective tires are recalled before they lead to possible injury or death. This legislation fixes that problem by requiring independent sellers to provide information necessary for future recalls to tire manufacturers. As a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, which has jurisdiction over this issue, I support reasonable and necessary initiatives to strengthen recall processes in order to protect travelers on our nation's roads and highways. Since this bill has passed the Senate, it will next be taken up by the House of Representatives.

Again, thank you for writing to me. I am honored to represent you in the United States Senate, and I value what I hear from New Jerseyans about the issues our state and nation face. Please continue to keep in touch with your thoughts and concerns. For more information on my work in New Jersey and in Washington, please visit my website at booker.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

Cory A. Booker

United States Senator