



Preserving consumer choice and affordable repair in the automotive collision parts industry

## **CAR Coalition Praises Bipartisan, Unanimous Approval of REPAIR Act at House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee Markup**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 2, 2023) – The CAR Coalition, a growing group of independent automotive parts, management and repair companies, associations, and insurers committed to preserving consumer choice and affordable vehicle repair, today praised the bipartisan members of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce for unanimously advancing the [REPAIR Act \(H.R. 906\)](#) in today’s markup of bills designed to enhance product safety, transparency, supply chains, and American tech leadership. The bipartisan REPAIR Act, sponsored by House Energy and Commerce Member Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL), will provide consumers with expanded repair options by ensuring that vehicle owners can access repair data and tools needed to repair their vehicles.

“It’s tremendous to see bipartisan support for expanding vehicle owners’ right to repair,” CAR Coalition Executive Director Justin Rzepka said. “Today’s markup and approval of the REPAIR Act demonstrates the clear desire of Congress to put consumers first. We thank the members of the subcommittee for advancing this important legislation and look forward to seeing the bill move forward.”

Energy and Commerce Chairwoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers “[w]e are at a critical moment where the status quo is no longer acceptable and clear rules are needed.” She added, “I hope we can work together to find the bipartisan solutions to provide ease and accessibility to millions of vehicle owners.”

REPAIR Act sponsor Rep. Dunn said, “When I buy a product, like a house or a stove, it belongs to me and when you buy a product, it belongs to you. But currently, when we buy vehicles, our options to repair and service our own property are diminishing.” He added, “Let’s protect the independent repair industry and the hard-working men and women that they employ as well as the rights of the owners to repair their property where and when they see fit.”

Subcommittee member Representative Lori Trahan (D-MA) said, “The right to repair is an important issue that will decrease costs for consumers, promote competition and innovation and strengthen our economy.”

According to a recent YouGov Survey of 1,000 vehicle owners conducted June 29 – July 5, 2023, a sizable majority of Americans support a federal vehicle right-to-repair law that would prevent automakers from restricting vehicle owners’ repair options. Americans believe they should be able to decide where and by whom they have their vehicle repaired as well as who has access to their vehicle’s data. They also showed a strong preference for independent repair shops over dealerships. Key results included:

- 94% want to choose WHERE their vehicle is repaired
- 93% want to choose WHO repairs their vehicle
- 79% are willing to share their vehicle data with independent repair shops
- 75% support legislation preventing auto manufacturers from restricting consumer access to vehicle data 74% believe vehicle owners should have access to their vehicle data
- 63% would take their vehicle to an independent repair shop

To learn more about the survey and the [SMART \(H.R. 1707\)](#) and [REPAIR \(H.R. 906\)](#) Acts, please visit [carcoalition.com](http://carcoalition.com).

### **About the CAR Coalition**

The CAR Coalition is committed to preserving and protecting consumer choice and affordable vehicle repair by ensuring competition in the automotive collision parts industry. Members include Allstate, American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA), Automotive Body Parts Association (ABPA), Automotive Manufacturers Equipment Compliance Agency, Inc. (AMECA), AutoZone, Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA), CarParts.com, Diamond Standard, Farmers Insurance, LKQ Corporation, PartsTrader, and Tire Pros. Learn more at [carcoalition.com](http://carcoalition.com).

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