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## **CAPA Urges U.S. Department of Commerce to Ensure A Competitive Market for Automobiles and the Parts Necessary to Repair Them**

**Kentwood, MI** – The Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA), an independent non-profit standard setting and certification organization for automotive crash parts, has stated their concerns to the U.S. Department of Commerce related to their analysis to issue tariffs under Section 232 Automobile and Automotive Parts Imports National Security Investigation.

At the hearing in Washington, D.C. on July 19, 2018, CAPA’s Chairman, Clark Plucinski, strongly urged the Department of Commerce panel to consider the needs of hardworking American consumers, for whom increased prices to safely repair and maintain their vehicles would be detrimental.

In testimony before the Department, Plucinski shared important data from PCI, the Property and Casualty Insurers Association of America, and other insurance trade associations, that in their estimation, a 25% tariff could increase insurance vehicle damage claims by as much as 2.7%, or \$3.4 billion.

Plucinski advocated for ways to open global markets and increase exports stating “A vibrant U.S. economy depends on the timely accessibility of automobile repair parts manufactured in both the United States, and globally, which is critical to the national economy.” Plucinski’s testimony is available on the CAPA website.

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*The Certified Automotive Parts Association, founded in 1987, is the nation’s only independent, non-profit certification organization for automotive crash parts whose sole purpose is to ensure that both consumers and the industry have the means to identify high-quality parts via the CAPA Quality Seal. CAPA is an ANSI-accredited standards developer for competitive crash repair parts. For more information see [CAPAcertified.org](http://CAPAcertified.org).*