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NCOIL AGREES ON IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY CERTIFICATION OF AFTERMARKET CRASH PARTS

Washington, DC March 6, 2011: Today, the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) voted in favor of an amendment to the Aftermarket Crash Parts Model Act that validated the need for certified parts as a necessary component to bringing a car back to pre-accident condition. "Rep. Brian Kennedy's (D-RI) amendment was an important step forward in protecting consumers from both poor quality and overpriced parts," said Jack Gillis, Executive Director. A bipartisan group of NCOIL legislators agreed that certified parts will bring a car back to pre-accident condition.

"We are pleased to have been able to introduce this issue to these legislators. The result has been a far better understanding of the impact that the car company parts monopoly has on the American consumer and our concern that alternative parts meet important minimum quality levels," said Gillis. Unfortunately, the bill itself, which contained other divisive issues, was defeated.

The Certified Automotive Parts Association, founded in 1987 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 <u>CAPAcertified.org</u>