

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

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CAR Coalition Launches New Video, Call to Action for Consumer Protection Legislation

WASHINGTON D.C. (February 16, 2021) – The <u>CAR Coalition</u>, a growing group of independent automotive parts and repair companies, associations and insurers committed to preserving consumer choice and affordable vehicle repair, has released a new video outlining the need to protect consumers' rights in the post-collision automotive repair market. Along with the video, the Coalition is launching a Call to Action encouraging lawmakers to prioritize consumer protection legislation related to auto repairs and data. These efforts are part of an ongoing effort to promote safe and economical choices for consumers in need of vehicle repairs.

The Call to Action urges lawmakers to draft legislation based on the <u>CAR Coalition's Four Key Principles</u> of safety first, empower consumer choices, foster industry competition, and keep consumer costs low.

It states in part: "When a vehicle needs to be serviced or is damaged, the repair process is personal for the owner. It can also be overwhelmingly expensive. This is why it is so important that consumers have options when it comes to vehicle maintenance and repair. The auto manufacturers should not dictate how, when, or where a vehicle is repaired – the vehicle owner should. In today's advanced world, the how, when, and where comes in the form of data. What's more, vehicle owners should be in control of any data their vehicle produces. This will ensure they have the ability to take their vehicle to the repair shop of their choice and not be limited to manufacturer-only repairs."

Watch the video HERE. The Call to Action can be viewed HERE.

Launched less than one year ago, the CAR Coalition has become a leading advocate for protecting consumer choices and access to vehicle data, fighting automakers' attempts to monopolize the post-collision repair market and hoard vehicle data. The CAR Coalition has conducted extensive outreach to a bipartisan group of policymakers and is will be supporting federal legislation designed to protect consumer choice in the post-collision repair market.



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, Automotive Body Parts Association (ABPA), Automotive Manufacturers Equipment Compliance Agency, Inc. (AMECA), AutoZone, Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA), Diamond Standard, and LKQ Corporation. Learn more at carcoalition.com