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NCOIL (National Conference of Insurance Legislators) STEPS UP FOR CONSUMERS WITH CRASH PARTS RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, DC. — Jack Gillis, Executive Director of the Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA) today applauded NCOIL’s special property casualty subcommittee for “taking a strong, positive, and proactive position on behalf of the American consumer.”

NCOIL’s proposed resolution states that the *use of these parts fosters a competitive environment that leads to lower repair costs and fewer totaled vehicles—to the benefit of consumers, collision repair facilities, and insurers.* By encouraging the use of certified parts (among the other parts available) the NCOIL property casualty subcommittee resolution has “recognized the need for high quality, fairly priced crash parts,” Gillis said. “After working for over five years, NCOIL has clearly addressed the need to protect consumers from both poor quality crash parts and the high prices that result from little or no competition,” Gillis added. “In spite of a monumental effort by the car companies and others to restrict competition, NCOIL has decided to take a strong stand in favor of competition, fair prices and the American consumer,” said Gillis.

Gillis lauded the efforts of NCOIL members saying that after hearing all sides of the issue, they stood up for both the consumer and competition. “NCOIL should be proud of the leadership role it has taken to protect consumers. We are proud to have worked closely with the many state legislators who have stepped up to tackle this important issue.”

“Not only do consumers win when their cars are repaired using quality parts at competitive prices, but the collision repair industry gets more cars to repair because fairly priced parts don’t ‘total’ out cars. The only losers are the car companies, whose monopoly will be eroded, and those short sighted repairers who depend on overpriced parts as a profit center,” Gillis said.

The Certified Automotive Parts Association, founded in 1987, is the nation’s only independent, non-profit, third party crash parts quality certification organization. CAPA certification identifies, for both consumers and the industry, those parts that meet our high quality standards for fit, form, finish, material content and corrosion resistance. For more information see www.CAPAcertified.org.