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CERTIFIED AUTOMOTIVE PARTS ASSOCIATION ENDORSES CONSUMER PROTECTION LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

*AB 1852 By Assembly Members Chavez, Yee, and Maze Would Increase Consumer
Protections in Auto Repair for all Californians*

Washington, DC – The Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA) endorsed groundbreaking legislation to increase consumer protections in collision repair that was introduced by Assembly Members Chavez, Yee, and Maze. AB 1852 increases consumer protections while opening the California marketplace to high quality and competitively priced generic certified collision parts. This bill will help educate consumers to avoid overpriced repairs in the complicated, confusing and often costly automotive collision repair process that involves insurers, body shops, and the car companies.

“I applaud and strongly endorse AB 1852 by Assembly Members Chavez, Yee, and Maze,” stated Jack Gillis, Executive Director of the Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA). “The legislation contains important new consumer protections and it will help consumers avoid costly repairs when their vehicle has been in an accident.”

California consumers face a collision repair marketplace that lacks competition because 80% of the parts we need to repair our cars are only available from the car companies. Consumers have limited choice of high quality replacement parts and are forced to pay the exorbitant price car companies get to charge when no competition exists. In the last two years alone Californians have overpaid more than \$120,000,000 due to the lack of competition and monopolistic pricing practices of the car companies.

“California consumers are being over charged by the car companies,” stated Gillis. “AB 1852 will increase competition and save consumers money. The only opposition to this important consumer legislation will come from car companies trying to protect the monopoly that allows them to gouge consumers.”

Gillis highlighted several new consumer protections in the bill including new procedures for recalling defective parts, requiring the disclosure of country of origin of both car company brand parts and certified parts; increase warranty protection for certified parts; and a web site for consumers to access the latest certified parts list. “Provisions like these increase consumer’s understanding that generic certified collision repair parts are of like, kind and quality to the expensive car company brand replacement parts. Consumers save billions each year by purchasing generic drugs over the name-brands - the same principles apply to generic certified replacement parts,” stated Gillis.

“This bill will provide California consumers with low cost, high quality options over the expensive car company parts,” Gillis added.

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.

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