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CAPA Applauds ASA in Calling for Full Disclosure of All Aftermarket Collision Repair Parts Used in Vehicle Repair in California Assembly Bill 1852

Washington, DC – The Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA), applauded the Automotive Service Association (ASA) in calling for full disclosure of all aftermarket collision repair parts used to repair vehicles in its recent release regarding California AB 1852 an important consumer protection legislation encouraging high quality competition in auto repair parts.

“We believe that AB 1852 clearly discloses all aftermarket collision parts used in vehicle repair, but if the ASA wants to join with us and make the point clearer – I say ‘welcome!’” said Jack Gillis, Executive Director of CAPA. “The bill strengthens existing California law by requiring that insurance company estimates or body shop invoices clearly state, ‘This estimate has been prepared based on the use of aftermarket collision repair parts.’”

Existing law only required notice if insurers required the use of non-car company parts. Gillis added, “We have always supported full disclosure – not the discriminatory or selective disclosure as has been promoted by others. Discriminatory disclosures are like half-truths because people are suspect of the facts left out. Full disclosure of all collision repair parts used provides the greatest consumer protection – Knowledge!”

Gillis urges the ASA to join with CAPA to ensure that California consumers receive full disclosure and are educated to the availability of both high quality certified competitive collision repair parts and the aftermarket parts provided by the car companies. “This important piece of California legislation will help protect consumers from both over priced parts and poor quality.

There is no reason why consumers should not have both high quality parts and fair prices. AB 1852 will create an environment of choice and the more choice the consumer has, the better the purchasing decision,” Gillis said. “One of the big winners in increasing competition will be collision repair shops. Instead of having access to only high priced parts which total out cars and send them to the junk yard, more fairly priced quality parts will mean more chances to repair cars.”

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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