



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

CAR COALITION JOINS LETTER ARGUING FOR CONSUMER RIGHTS IN VEHICLE DATA DEBATE

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 6, 2020) – The Consumer Access to Repair (CAR) Coalition has joined a broad array of industry and consumer groups asking Congress to ensure fairness and choice for consumers in the post-collision auto repair process. The CAR Coalition co-signed a letter to lawmakers urging them to oppose any federal preemption of state action on the use of vehicle data.

The letter states in part: “We are increasingly concerned that manufacturer limits on competition in the car parts and repair marketplace are adding pressure to already record highs for consumer collision repair costs. In uncertain economic times, the added expense of repairs can directly impact quality of life for millions of Americans who rely on a drivable car to get to a job, to school, to the doctor, or to buy groceries.”

It continues, “Individually and collectively, we call on Congress to hold hearings looking at the many factors contributing to the rising cost of auto repair and to put forward legislative solutions that protect consumer choice around repair, and give consumers more control over their data, including the data generated by their cars.”

Other signatories of the letter include: the American Economic Liberties Project, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, Automotive Body Parts Association, Certified Automotive Parts Association, Digital Right to Repair Coalition, Electronic Frontier Foundation, iFixit, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, Open Markets Institute, Public Citizen, SecuRepairs, and U.S. PIRG.

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), Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA) and LKQ Corporation. Learn more at carcoalition.com.

