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## **Ben Kelley of Center for Auto Safety Elected to CAPA's Board of Directors**

WASHINGTON, DC – CAPA continues to broaden the breadth and expertise of its board with the election of a leading consumer advocate Ben Kelley of the Center for Auto Safety (CAS). CAS, one of the original founders of CAPA over 25 years ago, has been a long standing supporter, having long ago recognized the need to be able to identify truly high quality alternative parts in the market.

Ben Kelley has worked in the field of injury control for more than 40 years as an educator, researcher, author, policy expert and historian. A former official of the U.S. Department of Transportation, he was a principal architect of the world-renowned vehicle safety research and communications program of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, where he served as a senior vice president for fifteen years. He has frequently offered Congressional and public testimony concerning injury prevention. Presently he divides his time between teaching, consulting and writing about injury prevention.

In addition to serving on the board of the Center for Auto Safety, he is currently Director, Injury Control Policy of The Trauma Foundation and a board member of the Public Health Advocacy Institute at Northeastern University. In the past he's served as a visiting faculty member or guest lecturer at Tufts University School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, Yale Medical School, Wisconsin Medical School and University of California at Davis.

“Ben brings an extraordinary amount of consumer knowledge and safety expertise to CAPA's Board. We are excited to have Ben join CAPA's efforts as we enter our second quarter century of protecting both the market and consumers from poor quality parts,” said Jack Gillis, CAPA's Executive Director.

Ben is most well-known for his service as senior vice president, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (where he was a principal architect of its highly-regarded research and communications work). He began his career as a journalist and along the way held staff positions at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Federal Highway Administration.

After spending much of his career on the east coast, he currently resides in Pebble Beach, California.

CAPA's Board includes:

Tim Adelman, ABRA  
Bill Brower, Liberty Mutual Insurance  
Bill Daly, Allstate Insurance  
Bill DeGrocco, GEICO  
Jack Gillis, CAPA  
Ben Kelley, Center for Auto Safety  
John Palumbo, PartsChannel.  
Clark Plucinski, Boyd's Group  
Mike Schoonover, Schoonover Bodyworks  
Ben Steinman, Ben's Auto Body  
Carol Waldron, State Farm Mutual Insurance

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