

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

## National Survey: Consumers Overwhelmingly Support a National Vehicle Right-to-Repair Law

New poll finds that vast bipartisan majority of Americans want the right to choose how and where they fix their vehicles

**WASHINGTON D.C.** (July 8, 2025) – According to a new national poll, more than 83% of Americans support the REPAIR Act (H.R 1566, S. 1379), which would create a national vehicle right-to-repair law, ensuring consumers' right to choose how and where they fix their vehicles; 77% support the SMART Act, which would amend patent laws to give consumers more vehicle repair choices.

Access to the data that vehicles collect is required for an increasing number of repairs, even for common parts, such as windshields. Automakers want to restrict access to that data so consumers will be forced to use automaker parts and automaker-affiliated dealerships for repairs, where prices are higher and choices are fewer. The REPAIR Act would ensure that vehicle owners and the independent repair shops they chose would have access to the data needed to fix their cars and trucks. The SMART Act would enact patent reforms that would allow aftermarket manufacturers to produce parts that are equivalent to and less expensive than automaker parts, increasing consumer choice and lowering prices.

According to the poll conducted by <u>The Tarrance Group</u>, and commissioned by the <u>CAR Coalition</u>, support for vehicle right to repair is strongly bipartisan, with 84% of Republicans and 82% of Democrats supporting the REPAIR Act.

"The numbers don't lie, vehicle owners believe they should be in the driver's seat when it comes to repairing their own vehicles and accessing their vehicle data, not the auto manufacturers. As bipartisan support for a national vehicle right-to-repair law continues to grow, we applaud our champions in the House and Senate for supporting the REPAIR Act and look forward to returning consumers' the right to repair their own vehicles once and for all," said Justin Rzepka, CAR Coalition Executive Director.

## Other key findings from the survey:

- 98% of respondents said it is important to them to be able to choose where they get their car repaired.
- 89% said car owners should be able to access their own vehicle data.
- 86% of Trump voters and 83% of Harris voters support the REPAIR Act.
- 78% said independent repair shops should have access to vehicle data for repairs.
- 72% said automakers should be barred from restricting data access.
- A majority of car owners prefer using independent auto repair shops for vehicle repairs.



Launched in 2020, the CAR Coalition has become a leading advocate for protecting consumer choices and access to vehicle data, fighting automakers' attempts to monopolize the post-collision repair market and hoard vehicle data. The CAR Coalition has conducted extensive outreach to a bipartisan group of policymakers and supports federal legislation designed to protect consumer choice in the post-collision repair market.

The survey was conducted June 8-10, 2025, among 1,000 national vehicle owners and has a margin of error of +/- 3.1%.

## **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, American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA), Automotive Body Parts Association (ABPA), AutoZone, Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA), Diamond Standard, Tire Pros, Carparts.com, PartsTrader, Farmers Insurance and LKQ Corporation. Learn more at <a href="mailto:carcoalition.com">carcoalition.com</a>

