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To the Honorable Members of the Senate Regulatory Committee:

**CARE OPPOSES PROPOSED COMPROMISE LANGUAGE ON HB 4344**

The Coalition for Auto Repair Equality (CARE), which represents companies in the automotive aftermarket nationwide and throughout Michigan, among them: **NAPA, AutoZone, Advance Auto Parts, O'Reilly Auto Parts and Bridgestone-Firestone Retail Operations**, has just been made aware that a compromise is on the table for Wednesday, March 22, 2016, in the Senate Regulatory Committee.

**CARE does not agree with this amended compromise language because it continues to be in violation of the Federal Magnuson-Moss Act, which prohibits repairs from being tied to warranties. In addition, we continue to oppose a third party certifier for aftermarket parts. Our parts are already thoroughly vetted and certified and this extra step will only allow the car companies and one association to steer monopoly-priced parts to unsuspecting consumers.**

**Not only will Michigan's aftermarket be hampered, but low and fixed income motorists will find the prices on previously-affordable parts rising.**

We oppose this non-competition, pro-monopoly compromise and we respectfully request that you also oppose this language. Your constituents are many and cover the car companies to every facet of the aftermarket, this unfair compromise will harm one of the most successful industries in Michigan, the aftermarket, and Michigan can't afford to pass this compromise. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Sandy Bass-Cors, Executive Director