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The Honorable Brett Guthrie  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
2323 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Guthrie and Ranking Member Pallone:

On behalf of the National Independent Automobile Dealers Association (NIADA) and our more than 13,000 members nationwide, I write to provide our strong support for H.R. 1556, the Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act (REPAIR Act), and H.R. 5221, the Preventing Auto Recycling Thefts Act (PART Act) as the Energy and Commerce Committee considers these important legislative measures. Furthermore, NIADA urges the Committee to work with the leadership of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to include both bills as provisions in the Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America's 250th Act (BUILD America 250 Act).

As the cost of owning and maintaining a vehicle continues to rise, the REPAIR Act arrives at a critical time. This legislation removes unnecessary barriers and ensures that independent automobile dealers and repair shops have access to essential repair and maintenance data, compatible aftermarket parts, and diagnostic tools. For independent automobile dealers, this means being able to efficiently perform pre-sale reconditioning as well as provide ongoing, affordable repairs throughout a vehicle's lifecycle. These efficiencies result in significant savings for customers, many of whom come from modest means and rely on their vehicle as a lifeline to work, school, and meeting family obligations. Your constituents deserve the freedom to choose where and by whom their vehicle is repaired. Equal access to the information and tools necessary for safe, effective, and affordable repairs fosters competition, reduces costs, and strengthens small businesses like those operated by independent automobile dealers. We firmly believe the REPAIR Act strikes the right balance between innovation, safety, and consumer rights.

The PART Act provides critical tools to combat the national problem of catalytic converter theft. Catalytic converters are easy to steal, but generally very difficult to trace to a specific vehicle, allowing them to be sold in illicit underground marketplaces. The lack of traceable identifying marks makes the theft of catalytic converters difficult to curb. Several states have enacted laws to combat this crime, with some requiring vehicle identification numbers on detached catalytic converters, and other states have made catalytic converter theft a felony. However, because this crime frequently involves trafficking stolen parts across state lines, federal intervention is needed to aid the efforts of local law enforcement. The PART Act

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addresses this dangerous gap by establishing a national framework to help law enforcement combat rising catalytic converter theft. The bill also provides that catalytic converter sales transactions are recorded and made available to law enforcement officials to ensure clear investigatory leads.

Both bills represent smart public policy that, if enacted, will benefit your constituents and the thousands of small businesses across the country that serve them. Including them in the BUILD America 250 Act will quickly advance much-needed free market competition and safer streets.

Thank you for your thoughtful leadership on these matters of national importance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patrick O'Brien, NIADA's Director of Government Relations and Compliance at [patrick@niada.com](mailto:patrick@niada.com).

Sincerely,



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CC: Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee

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