



June 25, 2021

The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Jim Jordan
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Nadler and Ranking Member Jordan:

As representatives of the broader automotive industry in the United States, the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, the Automotive Anti-Counterfeiting Council (A2C2), and the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association, we write to offer our support for the Stopping Harmful Offers on Platforms by Screening Against Fakes in E-commerce Act of 2021 (SHOP SAFE Act). We welcome bipartisan efforts to create a clear system through which e-commerce websites can protect consumers and provide them with a stronger defense against counterfeit goods. We appreciate the Judiciary Committee's recent attention on this issue.

Last year, a Department of Homeland Security report found that counterfeit and pirated goods amount to nearly \$509 billion in goods transported per year, and further noted that approximately 25 percent of Americans have unknowingly purchased at least one of these goods. The DHS report has been of great concern to our collective membership since its publication because such pirated or counterfeit goods include products that typically lack a corresponding safety evaluation or similar protections. In the motor vehicle sector, these commonly counterfeited parts include critical safety equipment such as brake pads, wheels, windshields, and even unregulated explosives in airbags.

Over the past year, this issue of e-commerce platforms being a source for pirated or counterfeit goods has come into even sharper focus as consumers have increasingly relied upon these outlets to meet their shopping needs during the COVID-19 public health crisis. To that end, we urge Congress to take up and pass the SHOP SAFE Act as introduced and we stand ready to continue working with policymakers and other stakeholders to help achieve this goal. We would also welcome the opportunity to further discuss the dangers of motor vehicle component counterfeiting with you or your staff soon.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Automotive Innovation
Automotive Anti-Counterfeiting Council
Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association

CC: The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chair, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Senate
Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Thom Tillis, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Senate
Committee on the Judiciary