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The Honorable Ellen Speigel
Chairwoman
Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor
Nevada State Assembly
401 S. Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Opposition to AB. 173

Dear Chairwoman Ellen Speigel:

On behalf of the more than 1,000 members of the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA), I am writing to express our concerns with AB. 173, which would prohibit an insurer from requiring the use of quality aftermarket parts for repairing a vehicle. This measure currently awaits further consideration before the Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor. MEMA represents vehicle suppliers that manufacture and remanufacture components and systems for use in passenger cars and heavy trucks, providing original equipment (OE) to new vehicles as well as aftermarket parts to service, maintain, and repair over 256 million vehicles on the road today. Suppliers are the largest sector of manufacturing jobs in the U.S., directly employing over 871,831 Americans with a total employment impact of 4.2 million jobs.

The language in AB. 173 discourages the use of aftermarket replacement parts for motor vehicles. If this bill passes, consumers will be faced with higher repair costs and fewer repair choices, and manufacturing jobs would suffer due to less demand for aftermarket products. The U.S. automotive light vehicle aftermarket is a \$246.7 billion industry that includes manufacturing, remanufacturing, distribution, retailing, and installation of all vehicle parts, chemicals, tools, equipment, and accessories. Most automotive aftermarket maintenance and repair work takes place in independent repair shops or at vehicle manufacturers' dealerships. There is also a significant "do-it-yourself" market, which comprises individuals who perform their own vehicle repair and maintenance.

The legislation in its current form discourages the use of quality aftermarket parts, which is not only harmful to the industry and consumers but ignores the value and benefit of aftermarket motor vehicle components. MEMA respectfully requests that the Committee oppose passage of the legislation, and that you preserve consumers' choice in recognition of the high-quality, cost-effective options for motor vehicles.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments; please contact Catherine Boland at (202)-312-9241 or cboland@mema.org if you have any questions or would like additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Wilson".

Ann Wilson
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