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AAA APPLAUDS REINTRODUCTION OF

RIGHT TO REPAIR LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17, 2003 -- AAA, the leading provider of automotive services to North American vehicle owners, today said it will work closely with Representatives Joe Barton (R-TX) and Edolphus Towns (D-NY) to pass H.R. 2735, the "Motor Vehicle Owner's Right to Repair Act."

On Tuesday, the representatives reintroduced the Motor Vehicle Owner's Right to Repair Act in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"AAA has been a strong supporter of this legislation for three important reasons: consumer choice; vehicle safety; and the right of car owners to own the information generated by their automobiles," said John Nielsen, Director of AAA Automotive.

As technology has become more advanced, service data in today's vehicles are increasingly governed by sophisticated computer systems. Some American and import automobile manufacturers are currently impeding independent repair facilities' access to and use of data generated by automobiles sold to the public, leaving consumers with no choice but to take their vehicle to a dealer.

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“Having confidence in a trusted service technician and having the opportunity to seek a second opinion are rights every consumer should have. And why not? Both usually lead to better customer service and lower prices,” said Nielsen.

The bill was first introduced during the last session of Congress, and AAA testified in support of the legislation before a Senate hearing in September 2002.

As North America’s largest motoring and leisure travel organization, AAA provides its 46 million members with travel, insurance, financial and automotive-related services. Since its founding 100 years ago, the not-for-profit, fully tax-paying AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers.

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