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### **COALITION FOR AUTO REPAIR EQUALITY APPLAUDS U.S. REPS. JOE BARTON & EDOLPHUS TOWNS FOR REINTRODUCING PRO-CONSUMER MOTORISTS' BILL-HR 2735**

(Alexandria, VA. July 15, 2003): "The Coalition for Auto Repair Equality (CARE), on behalf of its members, the hard working men and women in the automotive aftermarket and motoring consumers, applauds U.S. Representatives Joe Barton (R-TX) and Edolphus Towns (D-NY) for today reintroducing HR 2735, The Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act," stated CARE President David Parde.

"HR 2735 allows motoring consumers to own the repair and service information on their own property--this time their vehicles, so that they--and not the car companies--can decide how and where to have their vehicles serviced, repaired and whose parts they wish to purchase, even allowing accessibility to those who wish to work on their own vehicles themselves.

"HR 2735 protects the 'rights and investments' of those who have purchased their vehicles and want a choice of where, how and by whom to have their vehicles repaired.

"Today's vehicles are equipped with computers that control the service and repair information on vital systems such as: air bags, brakes, transmissions, steering mechanisms, ignition, ignition keys, climate control and sound systems. With this type of sophistication it is more important than ever that consumers have as many choices as possible as to where to take their vehicles for service and repairs. This competition in turn helps keep prices competitive and affordable for everyone.

"Reps. Barton and Towns moved forward with their "Fair Repair" consumer choice bill because they know that competition and the free-market are the back-bones of America," concluded Parde.

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CARE, headquartered in Alexandria, VA, represents companies in the automotive aftermarket, among them: NAPA, Midas, CARQUEST, AutoZone, Advance Auto, Jiffy Lube, O'Reilly's Auto Parts and CSK (parent company of Checker, Schucks, Kragen). Five million people work in the automotive aftermarket in over 495,000 locations.

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