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Dear Colleague:

HR 2735, The Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act has recently been endorsed by the American Automobile Association (AAA). I applaud the AAA and urge you to join with their 44,000,000 members across the country in supporting this important legislation.

Congressman Joe Barton has requested the same bill number in the 108th Congress (HR 2735) for The Motor Vehicle Owner's Right Act of 2003.

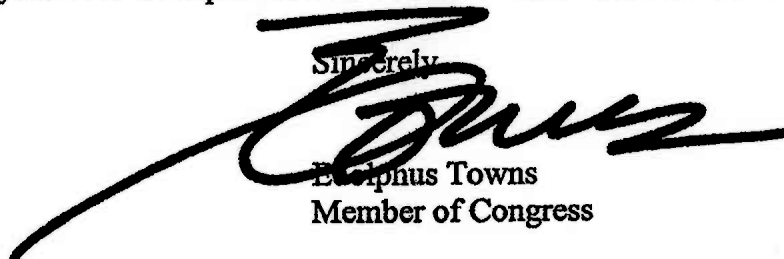
AAA joins Public Citizen in their support of HR 2735. in 107th Congress. The Association recently stated, "When a car buyer drives off the lot, they've bought more than just a vehicle. They should also own all of the information necessary to have it diagnosed and repaired. AAA believes that HR 2735 ensures that consumers can choose the kind of service that is best-suited for their particular needs."

HR 2735 will increase competition in the auto repair business. I do not have to tell you that some motorists cannot afford to return to their car dealer every time their car needs repairing. Yet today many late model cars have systems that can only be repaired at the dealership. Why? Because the information is simply not available to the independent auto repair facility. HR 2735 changes that and makes all repair and parts information readily available.

The car manufacturers know this is a problem and have made a public statement about it. In late October of last year (about a month after Rep. Barton and I introduced HR 2735), the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, a group that represents all car makers, issued a public statement declaring that by January 1, 2003 they would make available to independent auto mechanics, the same tools and information that they make available to their dealers. This statement was endorsed by over 90 percent of their members. Now that's a good start, but HR 2735 is necessary to make sure that ALL the information needed is readily available.

Please join us as a cosponsor of HR 2735 . Call Alex Beckles at 5-5936.

Sincerely,



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