

The Honorable Leland Yee  
State Capitol  
State Capitol Room 4074  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1460 (Yee)-OPPOSE**

Dear Senator Yee:

We are an independent repair business within the collision repair industry and we are writing to raise our concerns with SB 1460.

We have been operating our repair business in the \_\_\_\_\_ area for \_\_\_\_ years. We regularly use non-OEM crash parts in the repair of customer vehicles. Although the quality of non-OEM crash parts has improved over the years they still remain inconsistent. Some times they fit and perform and sometimes they don't.

Your bill eliminates current law that requires insurers who compel customers to accept non-OEM crash parts to warrant the parts of "like kind, quality, safety, fit and performance" as OEM crash parts. The bill shifts insurer warranty responsibility to the auto body shops and suppliers. The bill also creates a "new legal presumption" that all certified crash parts are presumed sufficient to return the vehicle to its pre-loss condition, even though the non-OEM certified crash part may not fit or is defective.

The bill also places unnecessary burdens on small business by requiring shops to identify each part's supplier and to provide each parts supplier's warranty to its customers. The bill also requires that the repair shop transfer any "unique identification information" to the final invoice for tracking purposes and upon installation of the part, the repair shop must submit such information to the certifying entity.

We request that you not move forward with your bill and instead work with the California Autobody Association and other interested parties to seek other alternative approaches to addressing the issues surrounding non-OEM crash parts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

c.c. California Autobody Association.