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June 23, 2009

The Honorable Mary Hayashi
Assembly Business and Professions Committee, Chair
State Capitol Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 427 (Negrete McLeod)-Oppose

Dear Assembly member Hayashi:

On behalf of the California Autobody Association ("CAA"), we must respectfully oppose SB 427. The CAA is a non-profit statewide association comprised of over 1000 individual and independent repair businesses within the collision repair industry.

SB 427 is simply unnecessary and duplicative of existing law. Current law requires an automotive repair shops to post signs providing consumer right disclosures along with the Bureau of Automotive Repair toll free 800 telephone number to call if the consumer has concerns regarding service work. SB 427 only creates another layer of unnecessary administrative paper work for the automotive repair dealer and frustration and confusion to the customer.

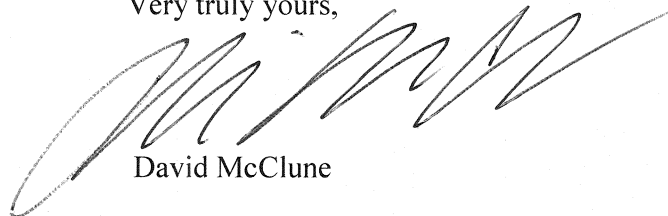
This bill is similar to last years, AB 2825 (Carter) and the previous year AB 1483 (Carter) which were both vetoed. The Governor's veto message was as follows:

"The bill (AB 2825) is essentially similar to a bill I vetoed last year (AB 1483). The provisions in the measure are duplicative of existing law and therefore unnecessary. Requiring automotive repair dealers to provide additional paperwork is unnecessary burdensome and would increase expenses that could be passed on to the customer, with no additional benefit"

Furthermore, it is inappropriate and bad public policy for a mandate to be placed on an automotive repair facility to advertise and promote a government run program operated by the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR). In light of the State's current \$24 Billion budget deficit what assurances are there that the "free car inspection" program currently offered by BAR will not be eliminated altogether?

For the foregoing reasons we must respectfully oppose SB 427.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David McClune', written in a cursive style.

David McClune

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