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The Automotive Service Councils of California Efforts Help Defeat the California Tire Tax

SACRAMENTO – The Automotive Service Councils of California (ASCCA) efforts help defeat AB 755 (Holden), which would have increased the California tire fee from \$1.75 to \$3.25. On May 26, the bill was brought to the Assembly Floor where Assemblyman Chris Holden requested that the bill be placed in the inactive file.

ASCCA opposed this legislation from the beginning and made it one of its legislative goals to defeat during the annual Aftermarket Industry Legislative Day that took place on April 23.

“I want to thank everyone who met with their Assembly Members during Legislative Day and those that contacted their Assembly Members this past week requesting a ‘no’ on the bill. Our grassroots efforts make a huge difference! This is a prime example,” said ASCCA legislative advocate Jack Molodanof.

If passed, the bill would have increased the current California tire fee from \$1.75 to \$3.25. The additional revenue would go to municipal storm-water projects that prevent or remediate zinc pollutants. ASCCA opposed the bill for many reasons but the most important being that the new tax would have fallen hardest on those with the least ability to pay, namely low-income individuals and hard-working families. The bill also instituted a “regressive” tax that combined with the current tire fee, would increase the cost of a set of new tires by \$13.00.

“There are countless stories of potential customers delaying tire purchases when they find out the cost of new tires and add-on fees, which can create a dangerous situation of driving away on balding tires,” said ASCCA President John Eppstein. “I’m thankful that ASCCA members were able to come together to defeat this harmful legislation and make their voices heard in the Capitol.”

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Founded in 1940, the Automotive Service Councils of California is the largest independent automotive repair organization in California. Its members represent all areas of the automotive repair industry, including mechanical, auto body, suppliers and educators.

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