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For Immediate Release SB 750 is VETOED!

Sacramento, CA – September 26, 2012 – SB 750 was vetoed by Governor Brown yesterday afternoon, September 25th. This was an anti-small business, anti-consumer bill. The passage of the bill would have deeply affected the auto repair industry due to the ability of BMW to withhold access to diagnostic and repair information embedded in BMW brand vehicle keys needed to make repairs or replace keys. In addition, consumers would have been forced to take their vehicle to a dealership, which often times is more costly. In addition, consumers could have found themselves stranded without the ability to have a locksmith replace their keys, should they be lost.

The passage of this bill could have created a slippery slope with other manufacturers following suit in refusing key access to independent repair shops. With the Governor's specific language in his veto he has prevented that possibility from happening.

In vetoing the bill, the Governor stated, "To allow manufacturers adequate time to comply, a six year exemption was made for manufacturers that provide a replacement key overnight. While the majority of manufacturers quickly complied with the 24/7 standard, this bill makes the overnight exception permanent." He went on to say, "The 24/7 standard for key replacement should apply uniformly to all manufacturers."

ASCCA President, Tracy Renee stated, "Today is a very special day for ASCCA! Thanks go to the leadership of our Government Affairs Committee Chair, Craig Johnson, Government Affairs Committee members, our Legislative Advocate, Jack Molodanof, our Executive Director, Jackie Miller, ASCCA staff and of course, ASCCA membership. The veto of SB 750 by Governor Brown is a perfect example of the power ASCCA members have when we unite and voice our concerns. We have defeated SB 750 with our persistence, determination, conviction, and passion for our industry."

She continued, "Hundreds of ASCCA members throughout California participated in opposing SB 750. Countless hours have been spent by members, their families and customers calling, writing letters, visiting legislative representatives and utilizing other grassroots efforts to make our victory a reality."

ASCCA would also like to thank CAWA, AAIA, AAA, CARE and CalABC for working in collaboration with ASCCA in communicating the industry's opposition to SB750.

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.

"To elevate and unite Automotive Professionals, and give them voice."
