



## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **AAVOR APPLAUDS EFFORTS TO CREATE CONGRESSIONAL “VEHICLE DATA ACCESS CAUCUS” AND URGES BI-PARTISAN EFFORT TO ADDRESS PROTECTION OF VEHICLE OWNERS’ RIGHTS TO ACCESS VEHICLE DATA**

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**September 19, 2022, Washington, D.C.** – The American Alliance for Vehicle Owners Rights (AAVOR) today congratulated Congressman Earl “Buddy” Carter (R-GA) for initiating a “Congressional Vehicle Data Access Caucus” in the House of Representatives and United States Senate. Congressional attention on protecting a vehicle owner’s right to access vehicle-generated data is overdue and AAVOR’s members are hopeful that the CVDAC will lead to a bi-partisan consensus approach to addressing this challenging public policy issue.

“Vehicle data access by commercial fleets is essential to the future of the car rental industry as a leader in sustainable mobility, including reduced emissions, improved safety, enhanced efficiency and a superior consumer rental experience,” stated Sharky Laguana, CEO of Bandago and President of the American Car Rental Association. “ACRA looks forward to working with legislators on both sides of the aisle and in both chambers to reach a bi-partisan path forward to addressing this gap in federal policy.”

“Access to vehicle-generated data – and the ability to delete personal data from rented or sold vehicles – is a key issue for all consumers,” said Sally Greenberg, Executive Director of the National Consumers League. “Control of vehicle data is a consumer protection issue, not a partisan issue, and NCL will work with this Caucus to guarantee consumer data access rights.”

“As motor vehicles become more technologically complex and reliant on vehicle generated data to operate, it is essential that vehicle owners have the ability to access and control their vehicle’s data,”

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said Sandy Blalock, Executive Director of the Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA). “By having the ability to access and control vehicle generated data, vehicle owners will maintain their existing right to choose how to repair their vehicles. ARA looks forward to working with the Caucus on this important consumer rights issue.”

“The Automotive Service Association (ASA) supports Congressman Carter and the creation of the Congressional Vehicle Data Access Caucus,” stated Fred Hules II, Chairman of the Board for ASA. “Independent repair shops rely on having access to data to repair vehicles safely and effectively. The work of the CVDAC will be instrumental in preserving consumer choice and ensuring that independent repair shops continue to have access to the vehicle information they need.”

“NAFA Fleet Management Association applauds the creation of the Congressional Vehicle Data Access Caucus and encourages lawmakers to find consensus on crafting a legislative solution to protect ownership of vehicle-generated data,” stated NAFA CEO Bill Schankel. “Vehicle data is used to improve road and driver safety, maintain and mitigate repairs, monitor and reduce emissions, and optimize fleet performance, and is critically important for fleets and the public and private entities who operate them.”

A copy of Rep. Carter’s Dear Colleague to his colleagues in the House of Representatives and United State Senate is attached.

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