

April 13, 2015

The Honorable Jim Frazier
Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee
1020 N Street Room 112
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Oppose Assembly Bill 287

Dear Chairman Frazier,

The Association of Global Automakers¹ appreciates the opportunity to provide our position on Assembly Bill 287, legislation that affects auto manufacturer and dealer responsibilities relating to vehicle recalls.

While Global Automakers appreciates the spirit of AB 287 in terms of its effort to address important vehicle safety concerns regarding disclosure and prompt repair of used vehicles subject to safety recalls, the way the bill approaches these issues is neither sound nor workable for consumers or automobile manufacturers. Consequently, we must oppose AB 287.

Vehicle safety recalls are appropriately governed under a comprehensive federal statutory and regulatory program. While the recall process has come under increased scrutiny in recent years and may be in need of some improvements to better insure full disclosure and transparency for consumers so that all new and used vehicles subject to safety recalls are repaired quickly, it is a national problem that needs a national solution. These matters should not be addressed by a patchwork of state laws or local dealer franchise statutes.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the federal agency charged with implementing the vehicle safety laws, is in the process of reviewing the vehicle safety recall process to develop ways to improve safety recall completion rates, expedite recall repairs and develop better ways of communicating these matters to the public. NHTSA will be holding a workshop on April 28, 2015 to address these and related concerns. The federal regulatory process should be given a chance before California or any other state rushes to pass legislation that is ill-conceived and may prove unnecessary. **For these reasons we urge you to reject AB 287. Should you or the committee have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at dbauer@globalautomakers.org or 202-650-5565.**

¹ The Association of Global Automakers represents international motor vehicle manufacturers, original equipment suppliers, and other automotive-related trade associations. Global Automakers works with industry leaders, legislators, regulators, and other stakeholders in the United States to create public policies that improve motor vehicle safety, encourage technological innovation and protect our planet. Our goal is to foster an open and competitive automotive marketplace that encourages investment, job growth, and development of vehicles that can enhance Americans' quality of life. Our members' share of sales and production in the United States is nearly 40 percent and growing. For more information, visit www.globalautomakers.org.

Sincerely,



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