



We wanted to share this important news with our members, in the event you may have a relationship with a U.S. House of Representative that may want to serve on this important Caucus for our industry. See the details below.

## It's Official: Auto Care Caucus Filed in Congress

One of the goals of the Auto Care Association's government affairs program is to develop a team of legislators in the auto care industry's corner when it comes to impacting legislation under consideration on Capitol Hill. We are pleased to announce that Reps. Scott Perry, R-Pa., and Brendan Boyle, D-Pa., have agreed to become co-chairs of the official [Auto Care Caucus](#) in the U.S. House of Representatives.

*What exactly is a caucus?* Caucuses, as they relate to Congress, represent and pursue the interests of a particular community. They can help identify other like-minded legislators who support a particular hobby or interest, and serve as a source of education for congressional staff and other officials on certain needs, views and concerns. Therefore, Reps. Perry and Boyle, as founding members of the Auto Care Caucus, have agreed to take up the views of the auto care industry and advocate on our behalf amongst their peers.

The 115<sup>th</sup> Congress has already been subjected to a high level of scrutiny from both the public and the media, but no group will be watching Capitol Hill more closely than the business community. With legislation addressing such issues as tax reform, healthcare, immigration and infrastructure on the horizon, businesses within the auto care industry and outside of it will all be affected in some way. The voice of the auto care industry needs to be heard and a caucus offers us another valuable tool to ensure that we have a seat at the table during these debates.

Having a caucus with the Auto Care name is a great start, but now we want to ensure that it is effective. The larger the caucus, the greater the influence. We need to use this opportunity to educate legislators on our industry's most pressing issues and enlist them to fight on our behalf. Recruitment is in full swing and members of the Auto Care Association are encouraged to [contact their U.S. Representative](#) and request that they join the Auto Care Caucus.

[Review the caucus "dear colleague" letter for additional talking points.](#)

If your representative is interested in joining the Auto Care Caucus, they can simply reach out to the offices of either [Perry](#) or [Boyle](#), listed in the above letter. Or, if you are a constituent of either of these two congressmen, please thank them for their participation.

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