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SCRS Opposition of NCOIL Model Act Secures Victory

Prosser, Washington, March 7, 2011 — The Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS), alongside numerous other state, national and international automotive and collision repair associations, has prevailed in our opposition to the National Conference of Insurance Legislators' (NCOIL) proposed Model Act for Motor Vehicle Crash Parts and Repair. Following ongoing and rigorous debates over the model act, which SCRS has participated in consistently since its introduction in July of 2009, the NCOIL hearing held on Sunday, March 6th, 2011, ended with a well earned majority vote by NCOIL Property & Casualty (P&C) Committee members who rejected the model.

One factor contributing to the overall success, were amendments offered by SCRS through Rep. Barb Byrum, D-MI, which during the hearing were agreed to be pulled from consideration to afford the P&C Committee the necessary time to bring this issue to a vote at this meeting.

“During the hearing in D.C., and in the days leading up to it, SCRS and our partners in opposition to the model became increasingly convinced that we had the necessary support from the committee members to put this issue to rest once-and-for-all,” Stated SCRS Executive Director Aaron Schulenburg. “Given our confidence in the legislators on the committee during this meeting, we didn’t want to risk that the amendments could delay a final vote by creating additional discussion over the proposed language.” Once the additional amendments were removed from consideration, the committee called for an up-and-down vote on the model which resulted in the vote to oppose, and the conclusion of several years spent discussing this topic within NCOIL.

In a letter released last week, signed by SCRS and a coalition of other national associations representing automakers, dealers, and repair constituents, the NCOIL P&C Committee was urged to oppose the overall model in totality. In addition to the five primary signatories, SCRS also worked to include over 37 additional state and national collision repair associations who endorsed the content of the letter provided to legislators, further demonstrating the widespread consensus within the industry.

“It is rewarding to see our longstanding efforts to defeat this model succeed,” shared SCRS Chairman Barry Dorn. “Our membership and affiliates have worked tirelessly to share our opposition with the legislators on the committee over the past several years, and defeating this model at NCOIL curtails the inevitable need to oppose the language on a state-by-state basis had it passed. It is great to bring home a win for our constituents!”

About SCRS: Through its direct members and 39 affiliate associations, SCRS is comprised of 6,000 collision repair businesses and 58,500 specialized professionals who work with consumers and insurance companies to repair collision-damaged vehicles. Additional information about SCRS including other news releases is available at the SCRS Web site: www.scrs.com. You can e-mail SCRS at the following address:

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