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Dear Mr. Nyce:

Enclosed is some information which was recently brought to my attention by Paul Brown, Owner of B & S Auto Body, regarding the insurance regulations pertaining to the replacement of auto parts. Mr. Brown provided me with an abundant amount of information regarding the proposed changes to the Motor Vehicle Physical Damage Appraiser Regulations currently being considered by the Commission.

Upon meeting with Mr. Brown, I learned these regulation changes are very anti-consumer for the following reasons:

1. Steering - Insurance appraisers steer vehicle owners to only those repair shops with which they contract with and these repairs are not quality repairs.
2. Non-OEM versus OEM repair parts - Only OEM parts can assure that the auto is repaired safely; Non-OEM parts are not safe.
3. Warranties - When a vehicle owner has repairs done at a insurer preferred repair shop and especially when repairs are done with Non-OEM parts, car warranties and safety are jeopardized.

Because of the nature of his concerns, I wanted to bring it to your attention. I am writing today to ask for a timeline and the status of the proposed regulations. Please consider the points raised by the information provided by the Pennsylvania Collision Trade Guild and the implications of the dramatic alteration that would take place under these proposed regulations.

As always, thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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