

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

October 6, 2025



## Little Progress in Talks as Government Shutdown Reaches Sixth Day

The federal government remains partially closed for a sixth day today, with few signs that Republican and Democratic lawmakers are moving closer to an agreement to restore funding.

President Trump on Sunday blamed Democrats for the stalemate, telling reporters, “It’s taking place right now, and it’s all because of the Democrats,” when asked about potential federal layoffs. He did not specify which agencies could be affected.

The standoff has deepened partisan divisions in Washington, where both sides are betting public opinion will pressure the other to yield. So far, neither party has presented a clear plan to resolve the impasse, leaving federal workers and agencies uncertain about when operations might return to normal.

## Invitation to Right to Repair Summit in Vegas

Dear Industry Leader,

As we gear up for this year’s **Global Tire Expo (GTE)** in Las Vegas, we’re excited to invite you to a **must-attend industry event**—the **Right to Repair Summit**, hosted by the Tire Industry Association.

**Date:** Monday, November 3

**Time:** Lunch from 12:30–2:00 p.m., Summit from 2:00–4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Planet Hollywood Las Vegas Resort & Casino (Lunch: Melrose 3, Summit: Melrose 4)

**Reception to follow:** 6:00–8:00 p.m. in the Gallery of Planet Hollywood

### Why This Matters — and Why We Need You

The **Right to Repair** isn’t just a policy issue—it’s a defining moment for the future of the tire and automotive service industries. It’s about **consumer choice, fair competition, and the survival of independent service providers.**

This Summit brings together top minds—**tire dealers, manufacturers, suppliers, and leaders from across the industry**—to collaborate on our next steps.

**Your voice and expertise are essential** as we work toward unifying the industry behind the federal codification of the **REPAIR Act**.

We're not just talking—we're organizing. We're building a legislative strategy and rallying the industry. And we need you there to help lead that charge.

### What to Expect

- **Connect over lunch with peers and leaders across the industry**
- **Join a powerful conversation led by TIA and the Auto Care Association**
- **Be part of the movement to ensure your business and our industry remain competitive and independent**
- **Cap off the day with networking and cocktails at our evening reception**

Please mark your calendar for the **luncheon, Summit, and evening reception**, and let us know if we can count on your participation. This is a unique opportunity to shape the future—and your input is critical.

**Please send Roy Littlefield IV an email by clicking here to RSVP.**

To RSVP for the reception, please follow this link:

<https://cvent.me/l17qEm>

We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas and working together to protect and strengthen our industry.

Sincerely,

Richard "Dick" Gust  
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Tire Industry Association

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Vice President of Government Affairs  
Tire Industry Association

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## **Treasury, IRS Provide Guidance for Opportunity Zone Investments in Rural Areas Under the One, Big, Beautiful Bill**

The Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service issued guidance on Qualified Opportunity Zone investments in rural areas as provided for under the One, Big, Beautiful Bill.

In 2018, certain economically distressed census tracts in the United States and its territories were designated as Qualified Opportunity Zones by the Treasury Department. Taxpayers who invest in QOZs receive certain tax benefits for their investments as an incentive to improve economic growth and job creation in these underserved communities.

What's new under the OBBB

Notice 2025-50 PDF provides clarification on two important One, Big, Beautiful Bill provisions: the definition of “rural area” and the application of the substantial improvement threshold for certain improvements to property located in a QOZ that is comprised entirely of a rural area.

- Under the new law, a rural area means any area other than a city or town with a population greater than 50,000, and any urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town with a population greater than 50,000. This definition applies to States, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories.
- The OBBB modified the substantial improvement threshold for improvements to property located in a QOZ that is comprised entirely of a rural area. As of July 4, 2025, the substantial improvement threshold for required additions to the basis for property located in these QOZs was reduced from 100 percent to 50 percent.

These changes are intended to offer enhanced QOZ tax incentives for investing in underserved rural areas and to address the unique challenges of rural development. There are currently 8,764 QOZs in the United States, many of which have experienced a lack of investment for decades. The notice released today by the Treasury Department and the IRS identifies 3,309 of those QOZs as comprised entirely of a rural area. A list of all current, designated QOZs is found in Notice 2018-48 PDF.

More information

Notice 2025-50 applies to all tangible property located in a QOZ that is comprised entirely of a rural area on or after July 4, 2025, and that has been, or is in the process of being, substantially improved. The Treasury Department and the IRS intend to issue future guidance on the forthcoming round of opportunity zones authorized by the OBBB, including the nomination and designation procedures.

For more information, refer to the [One, Big, Beautiful Bill provisions](#) page on IRS.gov.

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**QR Code Available for TIA "Right to Repair - Report Your Issue Webpage**

The Tire Industry Association (TIA) is excited to announce that its [“Right to Repair - Report Your Issue” webpage](#) is now even easier to access with a new

QR code, conveniently available for scanning in the shop.

This tool empowers shop owners and technicians to report instances where they face barriers to diagnosing or repairing vehicles, providing critical data to help protect the right to repair for all.

With reports increasing of automakers restricting access to both wired (OBD-II) and wireless (telematics) diagnostic and repair information, TIA aims to document the real-world impacts of these restrictions on businesses, consumers, and the broader economy.

### Why the Right-to-Repair Form Matters

The form gathers key information about repair challenges, including:

- Vehicle specifics: Make, model, and year.
- Maintenance attempt details: The type of repair being performed and whether diagnostic codes were accessible.
- Barriers encountered: Lack of proper tools, unavailable OEM documentation, refusal to sell parts, or required software updates.
- Current vehicle status: Whether the repair was completed or the vehicle remains inoperable.

TIA assures users that all submissions will remain confidential, and no identifying personal or business information will be disclosed when case studies are presented on Capitol Hill.

Simply scan the QR code in your shop to access the form and help advocate for the industry's future!

To request a QR code emailed to you, please send an email to [rlittlefield2@tireindustry.org](mailto:rlittlefield2@tireindustry.org)



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