

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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TIA and TRIB Lead Industry Delegation to Capitol Hill to Advocate for Retreaded Tire Jobs, Supply Chain Security, and Sustainability Act

Leaders from the Tire Industry Association (TIA) and the Tire Retread & Repair Information Bureau (TRIB) led a delegation of retread industry representatives to Capitol Hill on October 7, 2025, to advocate for passage of the Retreaded Tire Jobs, Supply Chain Security, and Sustainability Act (S.2790 / H.R.3401).

The delegation was led by Richard “Dick” Gust, TIA CEO; Roy Littlefield IV, TIA Vice President of Government Affairs; and David Stevens, TRIB Managing Director. Discussions with congressional offices focused on advancing federal policies that strengthen domestic manufacturing, promote sustainability, and ensure fair competition for U.S.-made retreaded tires.

S.2790 and H.R.3401 are bipartisan companion bills introduced in Congress that would prioritize the use of retreaded tires in public and private fleet procurement. The legislation also creates a tax credit of up to \$30 per retreaded tire—or 30% of the purchase price—for eligible purchasers, promoting cost savings for fleets and taxpayers, supporting American jobs, and reducing scrap tire generation and environmental waste.

“This is bipartisan, practical legislation that strengthens supply chains, cuts costs, and supports American workers,” said Richard “Dick” Gust, TIA CEO. “That’s why we’re here—to make sure lawmakers understand what’s at stake.”

The delegation included industry leaders Mike Jacobsen (Purcell Tire), Brian Chase (Rice Tire), Doug Conley (Shamrock Marketing), Jason Cleveland and Rob Majewski (Wonderland Tire), and Ron Elliott (Pre-Q Galgo).

Throughout the day, the group met with congressional staff from the offices of:

- Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO)
- Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
- Representative Andy Barr (R-KY, 6th District)
- Representative Bill Huizenga (R-MI, 4th District)
- Representative Robert F. Onder Jr. (R-MO, 3rd District)

- Representative Rob Bresnahan Jr. (R-PA, 8th District)
- Representative John W. Rose (R-TN, 6th District)

The meetings highlighted how the U.S. retread industry supports thousands of American jobs across small, mid-sized, and large businesses, while improving fleet efficiency, lowering costs for public agencies, and contributing to a more sustainable transportation sector.

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
CEO
Tire Industry Association

Roy Littlefield IV
Vice President of Government Affairs
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Treasury, IRS Provide Penalty Relief for Remittance Transfer Providers Who Fail to Deposit Excise Tax Under the One, Big, Beautiful Bill

The Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service issued guidance providing deposit penalty relief for the first three quarters of 2026 to remittance transfer providers. [Notice 2025-55 PDF](#) provides relief in connection with the new excise tax imposed on certain remittance transfers under the One, Big, Beautiful Bill.

Penalty relief available for the first three quarters of 2026

Treasury and the IRS understand there might be challenges implementing the new law and have determined it is in the interest of sound tax administration to provide limited penalty relief related to remittance transfer tax deposits.

Notice 2025-55 provides limited penalty relief for remittance transfer providers who fail to deposit the correct amount of remittance transfer tax as required during the first three quarters of 2026.

Specifically, these providers may avoid deposit penalties if they:

- Make timely deposits, even if they are incorrectly calculated, and
- Ultimately pay the full amount of any underpayment by the due date of [Form 720, Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return PDF](#), for the quarter.

Additionally, under today's guidance, remittance transfer providers may use the deposit safe harbor rules under the Excise Tax Procedural Regulations even if there was an underpayment of required deposits of the remittance transfer tax for the first three quarters of 2026. However, providers must satisfy the reasonable cause standard for deposit penalties.

Remittance transfer tax under the OBBB

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, remittance transfer providers are required to collect the remittance transfer tax from certain senders, make semimonthly deposits and file quarterly returns with the IRS.

The first semimonthly deposit is due Jan. 29, 2026. The 1% remittance tax will apply to certain remittances when the sender makes the transaction with cash, a money order, a cashier's check or a similar physical instrument.

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

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



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