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TIA Praises President Trump for Blocking California EV Mandate, Defends Americans' Right to Vehicle Choice

The Tire Industry Association (TIA) applauds President Trump for signing a joint resolution that effectively blocks California's attempt to mandate 100% electric vehicle (EV) sales by 2035. TIA has long opposed this aggressive and impractical regulation and strongly supports the President's decision to restore consumer choice and protect the broader U.S. economy from the harmful consequences of a one-state policy driving national standards.

California's EV mandate would have required that all new vehicle sales in the state be electric by 2035—effectively eliminating gas- and diesel-powered vehicles from the new car market. TIA believes this policy was completely unreasonable. It failed to account for the diverse transportation needs of American drivers and the economic realities facing families, businesses, and rural communities. The mandate was disruptive, impractical, and would have caused serious harm to industries across the automotive sector.

Most importantly, the California regulation sought to impose one state's policy on the entire country. Because of the size of California's market, its mandates have nationwide implications for manufacturers, dealers, and consumers. TIA agrees with the Trump administration that this is a matter of federal jurisdiction. Vehicle emissions standards should be set by the federal government—not a single state—especially when air quality and vehicle markets cross state lines. A patchwork of state regulations is unworkable and threatens to undermine the efficiency and predictability needed in a national economy.

TIA strongly supports the principle that all Americans should be free to choose the vehicle that works best for their lifestyle and budget—whether that's a gas-powered truck, a hybrid, or an EV. The U.S. Constitution does not grant any state special status to dictate national consumer options or restrict access to proven and affordable vehicle

technologies.

In addition to supporting the President's recent action, TIA is backing legislation in the 119th Congress that would permanently protect consumer vehicle choice. The Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act of 2025 (S.996 and H.R. 346) would codify the federal government's authority to set nationwide vehicle standards and prevent states from issuing their own bans on internal combustion engines.

TIA will continue to work closely with the administration, lawmakers, and our members to ensure that consumer choice remains protected. We remain committed to supporting policy solutions that are practical, inclusive, and grounded in economic reality—rather than mandates that disregard the complexity of the American vehicle market.

This Week in Congress: Budget Debate, Military Oversight, and Trade Reform Lead Busy Legislative Agenda

Congress returned to Washington this week with a full schedule as members in both chambers face key decisions on federal spending, military engagement, and trade policy. Central to this week's activity is continued debate over the "One Big Beautiful Bill" (OBBBA), a broad legislative package that includes tax cuts, defense and border funding, and regulatory changes.

In the Senate, movement on OBBBA has slowed as negotiations continue. Several senators have expressed concerns over the bill's potential impact on the federal deficit. The Congressional Budget Office has issued mixed projections, and further analysis is expected. Additionally, the Senate parliamentarian has ruled that several provisions in the House-passed version must be removed to comply with reconciliation rules, prompting revisions to the bill's text.

Meanwhile, the bipartisan Trade Review Act is gaining momentum in both chambers. The legislation would require a 60-day congressional review of significant tariff actions, increasing legislative oversight of U.S. trade policy. The bill is supported by lawmakers seeking to rebalance authority between the executive and legislative branches on trade decisions.

The House is moving forward with several votes this week, including legislation addressing terrorism funding (H.R. 260), maritime piracy (H.R. 1998), and online fraud prevention. Later in the week, the chamber will take up the FY2026 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations bill (H.R. 3944), DUI-related legislation (H.R. 875), immigration-related reporting (H.R. 275), and a resolution addressing the 1992 Los Angeles riots (H.Res. 516).

In the Senate, floor action on OBBBA is expected to continue, with a vote likely by the end of the week. Also scheduled is consideration of a War Powers resolution that would limit unauthorized military operations in Iran, reflecting ongoing interest in reasserting congressional oversight of foreign military engagement. The Trade Review Act may also advance to floor debate.

Committee activity is underway, beginning with a House Appropriations Subcommittee hearing Monday afternoon on the Department of Justice's FY2026 budget. Attorney General Merrick Garland is expected to outline department priorities including counterterrorism, antitrust enforcement, and fentanyl interdiction. Later that evening, the House Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee will mark up its FY2026 bill.

On Tuesday, the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a confirmation hearing for nominees to lead U.S. Central Command and European Command. Also Tuesday, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies will continue its review of DOJ funding, aligning with House efforts on the same subject.

As budget negotiations and oversight hearings continue throughout the week, lawmakers are working to navigate complex policy debates with implications for federal spending, military operations, and U.S. trade authority.

IRS Has Options to Help Taxpayers Who Missed the Filing Deadline

The Internal Revenue Service today highlighted several resources to help taxpayers who missed the April 2025 federal income tax return filing deadline and owe taxes, interest and penalties.

Taxpayers who owe taxes should file their tax return and pay as soon as they can. Interest and penalties will continue to accrue on the owed taxes until the balance is paid in full. Even if a taxpayer cannot afford to immediately pay the full amount of taxes owed, they should still file a tax return and pay as much as possible.

Online payment options

Individuals can pay taxes owed securely through IRS Online Account, IRS Direct Pay, The Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS), debit/credit card or digital wallet. Taxpayers may also apply online for a payment plan, including installment agreements.

Those who pay electronically get immediate confirmation after

submitting payment. Direct Pay and the EFTPS allow taxpayers to receive payment email notifications. For additional payment information visit [Make a payment](#).

Having trouble paying? IRS has options to help

Taxpayers that are unable to pay in full by the tax deadline should still file their tax return, pay what they can and explore a variety of payment options available for the remaining balance. The IRS offers [help for those with tax debt](#), including [applying online for a payment plan](#). Taxpayers can receive an immediate response of payment plan acceptance or denial without having to call or write the IRS to check their application status.

Online payment plan options include:

- Short-term payment plan – The total balance owed is less than \$100,000 in combined tax, penalties and interest. Additional time of up to 180 days to pay the balance in full.
- Long-term payment plan – New [simple payment plans](#) criteria make it easier and more accessible to enter a long-term payment plan when the total balance owed is less than \$50,000 in combined tax, penalties and interest. Taxpayers may make monthly payments for up to the collection statute (usually 10 years), in most cases. Payments may be set up using direct debit (automatic bank withdrawal) which eliminates the need to send in a payment each month, saving postage costs and reducing the chance of default. Taxpayers should remember that extending the time to pay will increase the applicable penalties and fees.

Though interest and late-payment penalties continue to accrue on any unpaid taxes after April 15, the failure to pay penalty is cut in half while an installment agreement is in effect. Visit [Additional information on payment plans](#) for details on payment plan costs and benefits.

Requesting penalty relief

When taxpayers receive a penalty notice from the IRS, they should read it carefully and follow the instructions for requesting relief. Taxpayers who have filed and paid their taxes on time and have not been assessed any penalties for the past three years, generally qualify to have the penalty abated. Visit [Administrative penalty relief](#) to learn more about first time penalty relief and other administrative waivers.

**IRS Improves Pre-Filing Agreement Tax
Certainty Program for Large Business and
International Taxpayers**

The Internal Revenue Service announced improvements to its Pre-Filing Agreement (PFA) program to provide greater tax certainty for large business and international taxpayers.

These improvements mark a renewed commitment by the IRS to expand access to cooperative tax compliance strategies that prevent disputes before they arise.

The PFA program allows taxpayers under the Large Business and International Division jurisdiction to resolve potential tax issues before filing their return, offering certainty, reducing audit risk, and encouraging voluntary compliance.

Key enhancements to the Pre-Filing Agreement program include:

- A redesigned PFA landing page with program statistics, a streamlined process overview and direct navigation to dispute prevention resources.
- New step-by-step instructions to submit a PFA request, including response time expectations and post-submission next steps.
- A dedicated Pre-Filing Agreement (PFA) likely suitable issues and documentation page will help taxpayers identify if a PFA request is appropriate for their situation.
- Updated program guidelines to help businesses strategically align their PFA submissions with tax filing deadlines.

To learn more or provide feedback, visit Dispute prevention and resolution for large business and international taxpayers or email pfa.info@irs.gov with the subject line Feedback on PFA Program.

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



The Legislative Update will resume on July 7th, Happy Independence Day!



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