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### **ASCCA Testifies at Senate Transportation & Housing Hearing**

**Sacramento, CA, April 22, 2014:** The Automotive Services Councils of California past President's Dennis Montalbano and Allen Pennebaker along with legislative advocate, Jack Molodanof testified in favor of SB 994 (Monning) at the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee.

As previously reported, the bill is a consumer protection bill attempting to address the issue of telematics and the consumers' right to have access to their car computer information. Car computers can generate and collect sensitive personal information about consumers, including driving habits, vehicle condition, repair, maintenance and diagnostic data.

ASCCA advocates on behalf of the consumer noting that it's important for consumers to be aware of what information is stored in their car and to have access to that information. SB 994 would require car manufacturers to disclose to consumers the type of data generated/collected by their car and provides that the information collected/stored in the vehicle belongs to the consumer. SB 994 prohibits the car manufacturer from restricting access and gives the consumer the right to share the data with an auto service professional or third party of his or her choice.

ASCCA's support of the bill brought positive news media attention to the issue of connected cars, reaching audiences throughout the state. Successfully, ASCCA board member John Eppstein of John's Automotive Care, San Diego, CA, was featured in a press conference that aired on eight different news channels in the San Diego area.

Although the bill did not pass out of the committee, ASCCA will continue to monitor legislation that attempts to improve consumer choice.



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