

## MEMA Applauds Senate Passage of Remanufacturing Legislation

The Motor & Equipment Remanufacturers Association (MERA) applauds the passage of S.565, “The Federal Vehicle Repair Cost Savings Act,” by the U.S. Senate on June 15, 2015. Introduced earlier this year by Senators Gary Peters (D-Mich.) and James Lankford (R-Okla.), the legislation requires federal agencies to encourage the use of remanufactured parts when doing so lowers costs, maintains quality and performance, and does not compromise safety.

The legislation now heads to the House of Representatives for consideration. On March 25, 2015, the Senate bill’s companion legislation, H.R. 1613, was introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressmen Bill Huizenga (R-Mich.) and Brad Ashford (D-Neb.). The House bill requires approval at the committee level before being considered by the full House.

“Senate passage of this bill is a great example of the effectiveness of MEMA’s advocacy efforts, working on behalf of remanufacturing members on legislation that promotes the industry and saves costs for the federal government,” said Steve Handschuh, president and chief executive officer of Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA). MERA is the remanufacturing and sustainability division of MEMA.

John Chalifoux, president and COO, MERA, added, “Senate approval of this legislation is great news. We thank Senators Peters and Lankford for their leadership on this legislation, and we look forward to a positive outcome in the House of Representatives.”

The legislation follows a 2013 report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) which confirmed the benefits of remanufactured motor vehicle parts. The federal government has more than 580,000 vehicles in its agency fleets, and spends \$975 million per year on vehicle maintenance.

Next steps include gaining additional co-sponsors for H.R. 1613. **This is where you can help!** MERA members are strongly encouraged to contact their U.S. Representatives and urge them to cosponsor H.R. 1613. For more information or to obtain contact information for your U.S. Representative(s), contact Tom Lehner at [tlehner@mema.org](mailto:tlehner@mema.org).