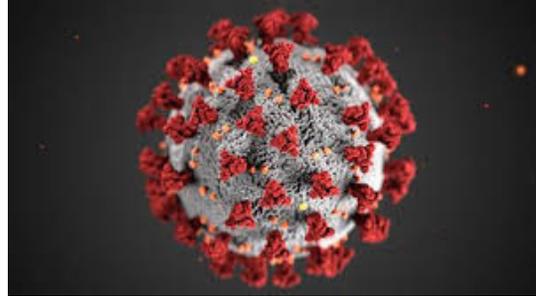




U.S. Congressman Joins ASA Leaders for COVID-19 Media Briefing

WASHINGTON, D.C. – March 31, 2020 – The Automotive Service Association (ASA) held a media briefing called [COVID-19: Its Effect on the Auto Repair Industry](#).



The briefing was hosted by Ray Fisher, ASA's president/executive director, and Bob Redding, ASA's Washington, D.C. representative. U.S. Rep. Buddy Carter (R-Ga.), small business owner and senior member of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, served as special guest. (To listen to the full briefing, click [HERE](#).)

Important Information on the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

The emergence of COVID-19 has presented a financial challenge for many auto repair shops.

Passage of the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) included critical sections important to automotive repairers.

These sections include:

- The new [Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\)](#), and
- The [Enhanced Economic Injury Disaster Loans \(EIDLs\)](#).



Redding discussed with Carter these programs and next steps for automotive repair shops. The congressman described the programs in detail and emphasized the need and urgency to provide relief for small businesses in a streamlined, expedited process.

The [Paycheck Protection Program](#) will allow small businesses to retain their employees, continuation of health care benefits for those employees, and provides loan forgiveness provisions that encompass payroll costs, interest on mortgage obligations, rent and utilities during a specified period of time. Carter also stated that there has been increased funding for [EIDLs](#) and that small business owners can apply for both of these programs.

ASA has been working to ensure that automotive repair facilities aren't overlooked during the responses to this global health crisis. ASA appreciates the dedicated work of all federal, state, and local officials to ensure the utmost safety of all citizens and that automotive repair facilities are categorized as performing essential services.

Industry Best Practices: Auto Repair Shops & COVID-19

ASA has designed an excellent Industry Best Practices document and resource document for the Auto Repair Industry. The COVID-19 situation is rapidly changing and evolving.

Please be sure to stay up to date by checking the [CDC website](#) regularly.



Click [HERE](#) to view Industry Best Practices for Auto Repair Shops & COVID 19.

We have also attached a PDF of the document: [Industry Best Practices: Auto Repair Shops & COVID 19 PDF](#)