

The third annual AAAS Georgia Capitol Day for AAAS took place February 20, 2015 and was very successful. In attendance were Keith West of Auto Supply Company, Bob Knight of PSKB, Randal Ward (AAAS President), Christine Sankar and Terisha Lee of LKQ Corporation.

During the day's activities in the Capitol, AAAS members met with over a dozen legislators and were given the opportunity to introduce themselves, their businesses and discuss the automotive aftermarket industry in Georgia with them. "A day well spent! This is a great opportunity to meet with and help educate elected officials learn about our industry. It was gratifying to visit with people we met in previous visits and to hear them discussing our industry and the economic impact it has. Our message of consumer choice in parts and repair options is shared by many of our elected representatives and resonated well with the new folks we met with. I encourage anyone in the industry to take advantage of this opportunity and participate in the next Capitol Day in the state that you reside. This effort is beneficial to all of us who make a living in the automotive aftermarket" stated Keith West, AAAS Board of Directors Vice Chairman.

Legislators such as Senator Michael Dugan and Senator Tyler Harper were knowledgeable of the industry and offered great feedback regarding industry issues and concerns, as well as, the success of small businesses in Georgia. Senator Buddy Carter graciously thanked the members for coming to the Capitol to meet with legislators. Representative Lynn Smith was very engaged with members and eager to learn about their businesses and the aftermarket industry. Members solidified old and established new relationships with legislators and offered AAAS and themselves as a resource to the legislators should they have any questions about the industry in the future.

Capitol Day is an annual event facilitated by AAAS for its members. The event allows AAAS to advocate for a strong, free and competitive automotive aftermarket industry to legislators that make decisions affecting the industry. We encourage more members to join us in Atlanta for Georgia Capitol Days 2015.



Caption for Pic Senator Dugan of GA: from left to right Randal Ward, AAAS President, Christine Sankar, LKQ Corp, Senator Michael Dugan, Keith West, Auto Supply Company, and Bob Knight, PSKB.