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PENNSYLVANIA AUTOMOTIVE ASSOCIATION

Dealer Legal Match



To: PAA Dealer Members

RE: Request for Contributions – GM Warranty Lawsuit Commonwealth Court Review

In a Friday, August 18, email notification and in PAA’s most recent News Bulletin, PAA informed the dealer community that the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania reversed a June 10, 2016, decision of the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons (Vehicle Board), deciding against the General Motors (GM) dealers who protested GM’s unilateral change of the dealers’ labor rate and imposition of a surcharge when a dealer filed for retail rate reimbursement for parts.

The attorneys at McNees, Wallace & Nurick, who represent the three dealers involved in the lawsuit, have recommended to the dealers that they file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Commonwealth Court. It is possible that reconsideration could result in a favorable outcome for dealers.

Due to the potential implications of this court decision on the entire dealer community, the dealers involved in this case would like to request monetary assistance in further legal pursuit of their case against GM. In 2015, PAA’s Board of Directors developed PAA Dealer Legal Match, a process for dealers to combat legal issues collectively. PAA’s Executive Committee has reviewed the GM dealers’ request and discussed the benefit of collective dealer involvement in the continued legal pursuit of this issue.

Contributions will be kept anonymous.

If you would like to contribute to assist the dealers involved in this case, checks should be made out to: PAA and sent to the address above, Attention: Chad Marsar. At this time, the legal costs of pursuing this case are not certain. Should more money be contributed than is needed, refunds to contributing dealers will be made on a pro-rated basis. If you have any questions, please contact Chad Marsar at 717-255-8311 ext. 3379.

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Name: _____
 Dealership: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____

My contribution to the GM Warranty Lawsuit/Commonwealth Court:
 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 \$2,500 Other: \$ _____