

T.A.R.A. Legislative Report

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Well a lot has transpired since the last legislative update and all of it *good!* I want to thank all the TARA members that attended the Seminar in Houston January 16th. We had many new members join just before or during the seminar. A total of 118 people were in attendance. There were 65 TARA member yards represented and 13 non-member yards with 14 vendors, who were greatly appreciated. I am sure that everyone who attended will agree that Brian Francis, from TDLR gave a great presentation and answered every question that was put before him. Brian was honest with his answers and optimistic about the direction of our industry.

We will soon have our next TDLR Advisory Board meeting in Austin and will let our members know the date. You can keep posted by going to TDLR's website (www.license.state.tx.us). The meetings are available on line during the meetings or are saved on the website for later viewing. They are also open to the public. All information pertaining to the changes and updates that apply to the Used Automotive Parts Recyclers is there. As always this is not a dictatorship and **all input** from our TARA members is appreciated. I am proud of our association for all that we have accomplished since 2008 but we still have a ton of work to be done in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Working together makes a tremendous difference, whether it is locally or nationally. You all know now that we did in fact receive the **90 day extension** for Cash for Clunkers. That was GREAT work on the part of our national association, ARA and its members. If you are not a current member of ARA, I urge you to seriously consider joining. They are fighting the fight for our industry and letting our country know what a vital part this industry plays in being environmental stewards.

Speaking of getting involved ----- that's right----- Guess what TARA needs from you? OK. I know that some of you were sitting on the fence, unsure of the direction we were going, but if you attended the compliance seminar in Houston, I believe you got the picture. So here's the deal, every **member is important** and every member has the opportunity to help improve our industry and you know what that means.....\$\$\$\$\$ We have reached the halfway mark in covering the monthly cost of our Lobbyist and we need to finish the goal of completely

covering the cost. CJ Tredway comes to our association with integrity and determination. So if we had 30 more members pledge just \$50.00 a month we would meet our goal. Think of it as a very cheap Insurance policy to protect your investment now and in the future. Paying \$50.00 a month for this type of insurance is the best deal you are going to get. So members, I ask you to look it over again and reconsider making a commitment. Please don't make me call and beg because **you know I will!** You can contact Cheryll (800-710-8272) or myself (512-243-2718) to set up your monthly pledge. We are able to send you a monthly invoice or do an automatic withdraw monthly by credit card. Plus it's 100% deductible.

Now due to popular demand, we will be holding another seminar in the Dallas/ Ft. Worth area in Grapeview, Texas, (located right by DFW Airport) on May 15, 2010 at the Austin Ranch. The information and registrations from are available on our website. TDLR will be posting the new license forms on May 3 and we plan to have them back again at the Dallas/Ft. Worth Compliance Seminar, along with many exhibitors. It is our goal to make sure that recyclers are alerted and given the opportunity to attend so that you can be well informed on changes coming. TARA is steadily increasing the members and these seminars really have contributed to our growth. Continuously go to www.Texasara.com to keep up with all the latest news and updates to insure that you are informed. By the way, a big thanks to Ronnie Patke for doing a splendid job with the TARA website-- another involved member.

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