Eye on Washington
TOP ISSUES FOR DEALERSHIPS

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NADA WINS IN WASHINGTON

CALIFORNIA EV MANDATE REPEAL

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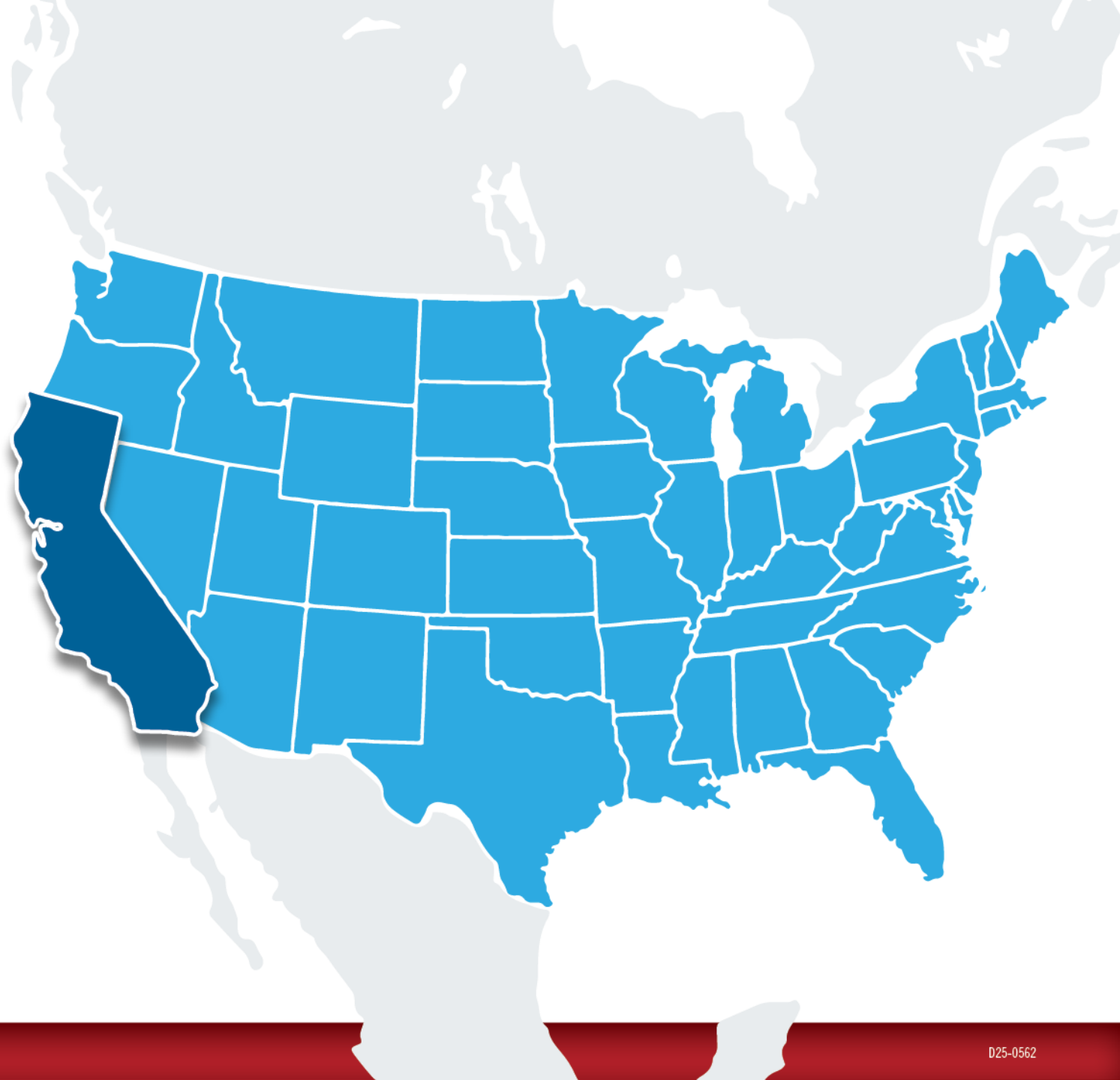


Congress passes H.J. Res. 88 to stop California's ban on new gas cars

Passed the House by a vote of 246-164 with 35 Democrats voting in support and passed the Senate by a bipartisan vote of 51-44

Congress passes H.J. Res. 87 to stop California's ban on new diesel trucks

Passed the House by a vote of 231-191 with 13 Democrats voting in support and passed the Senate by a vote of 51-45

Congress passes H.J. Res. 89 to stop California's Omnibus Low NOx Rule

Passed the House by a vote of 225-196 with 10 Democrats voting in support and passed the Senate by a vote of 49-46

SUCCESSFULLY FOUGHT FOR PRO DEALER TAX POLICIES

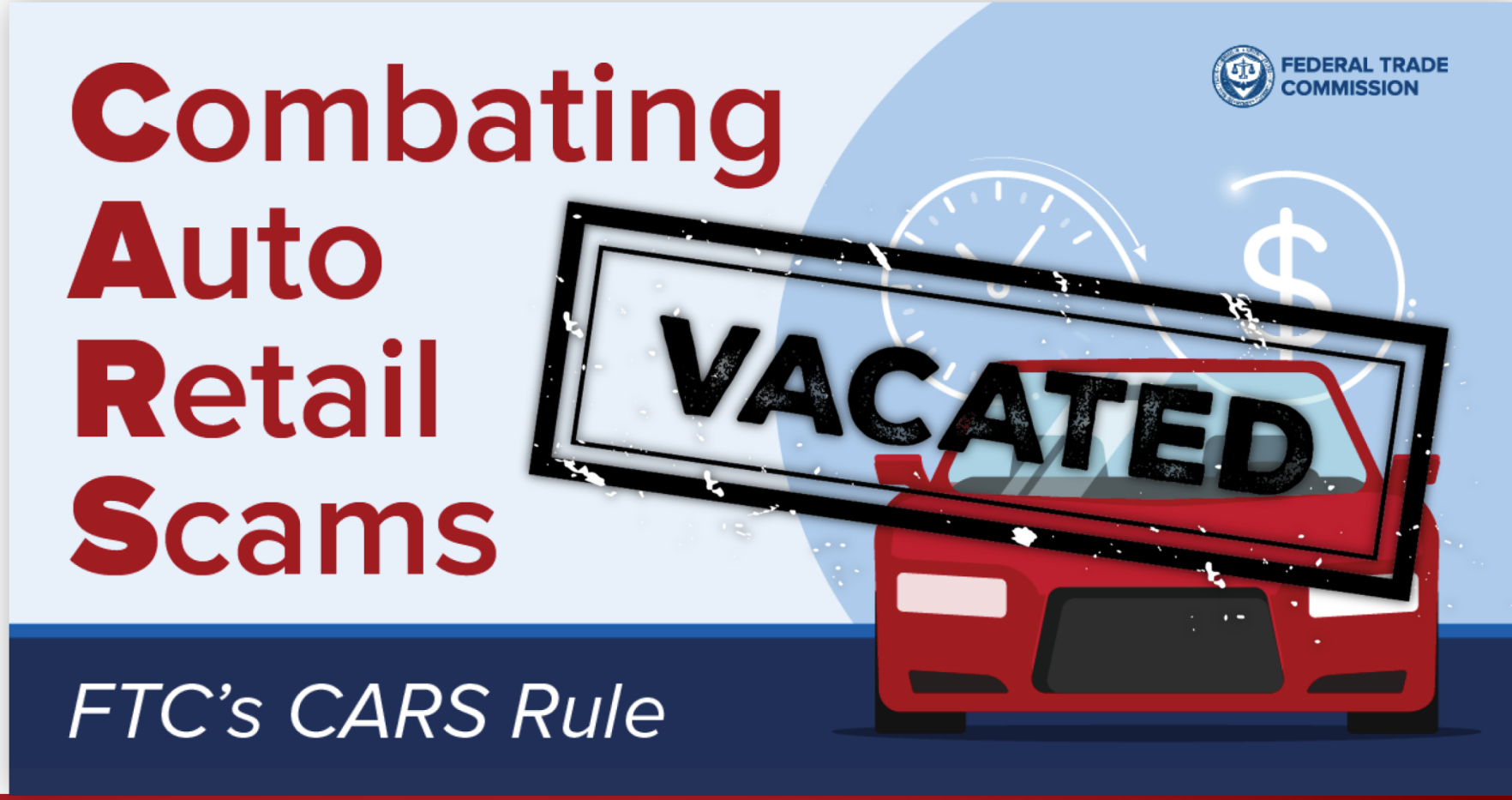
Dealer-Focused Tax Priorities

- Permanent and Increased Estate Tax Limits
- Permanent 20% Pass-Through Deduction
- Permanent 100% Bonus Depreciation
- No new fees on EV or Hybrid registrations

Consumer-Focused Tax Benefits

- Permanent Extension of Lower 2017 Income Tax Rates
- Auto Loan Deductibility for U.S.-Assembled Vehicles Through 2028
- Responsible Repeal of EV Tax Credits

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC) VEHICLE SHOPPING RULE



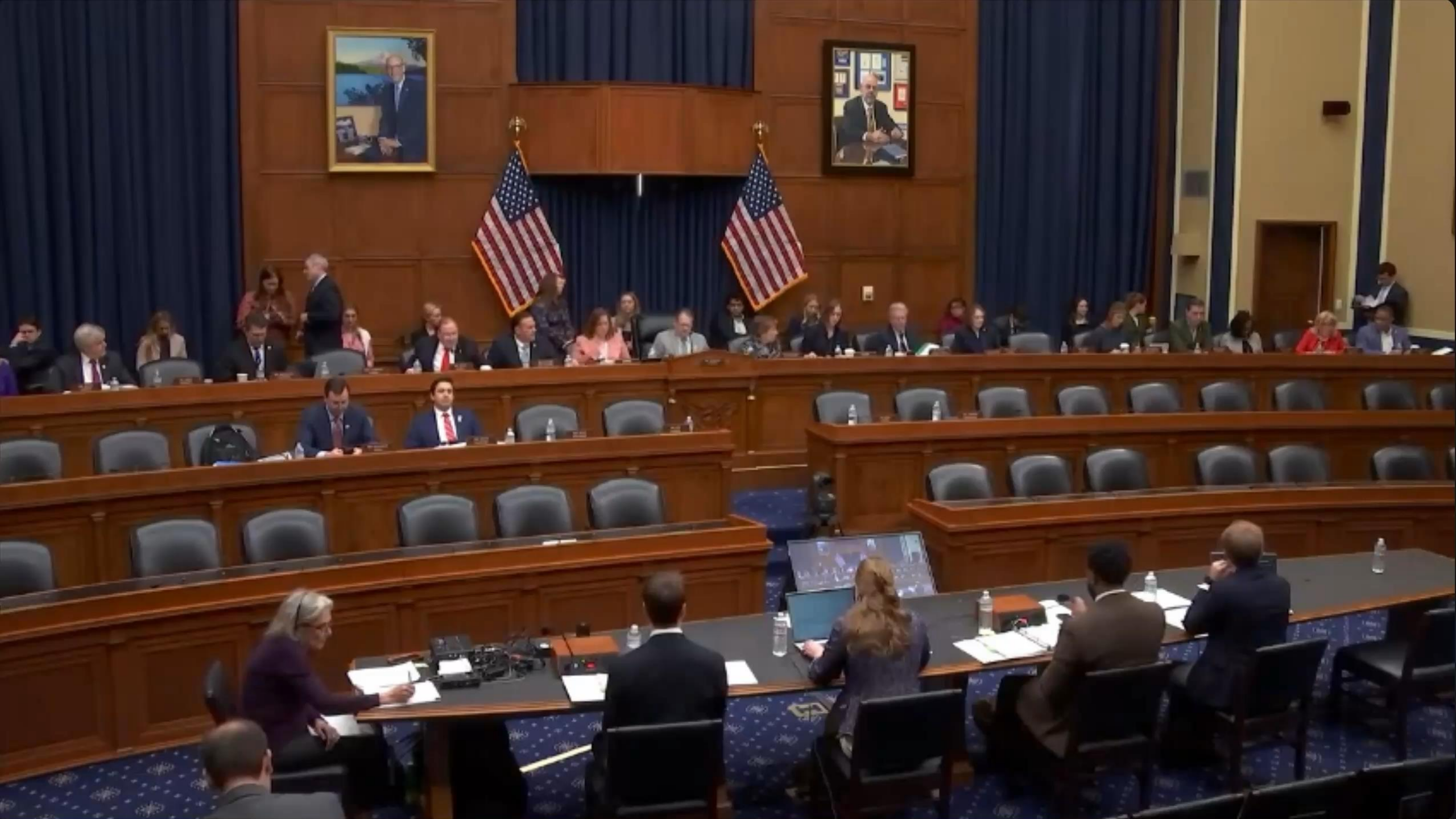
GOVERNMENT CHALLENGES TO THE DEALER MODEL

Surface Transportation Reauthorization Legislation

REPAIR Act	• Prevent enactment of so-called “Right to Repair” legislation
PART Act	• Enact legislation to combat catalytic converter theft
Recall Legislation	• Oppose overbroad recall legislation, creating a “trade-in tax” by grounding recalled vehicles
SELF DRIVE Act	• Preserve state dealer franchise laws

SO-CALLED "RIGHT TO REPAIR"

H.R. 1566/S. 1355



DISCOURAGING CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT

SUPPORT H.R. 5221/S. 2238 (PART ACT)

OTHER PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DEALERSHIPS

- Direct Sales Threats/Preserving State Vehicle Franchise Laws
- FTC Dealer Advertising Warning Letters/ Congressional Oversight
- Auto-Related Tariffs, Trade & China

PRESERVING STATE DEALER FRANCHISE LAWS

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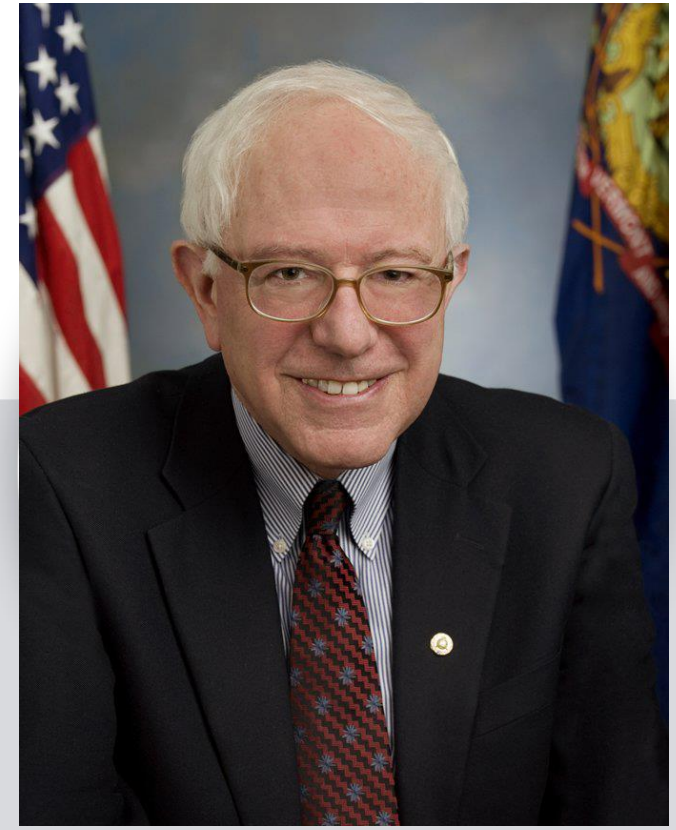
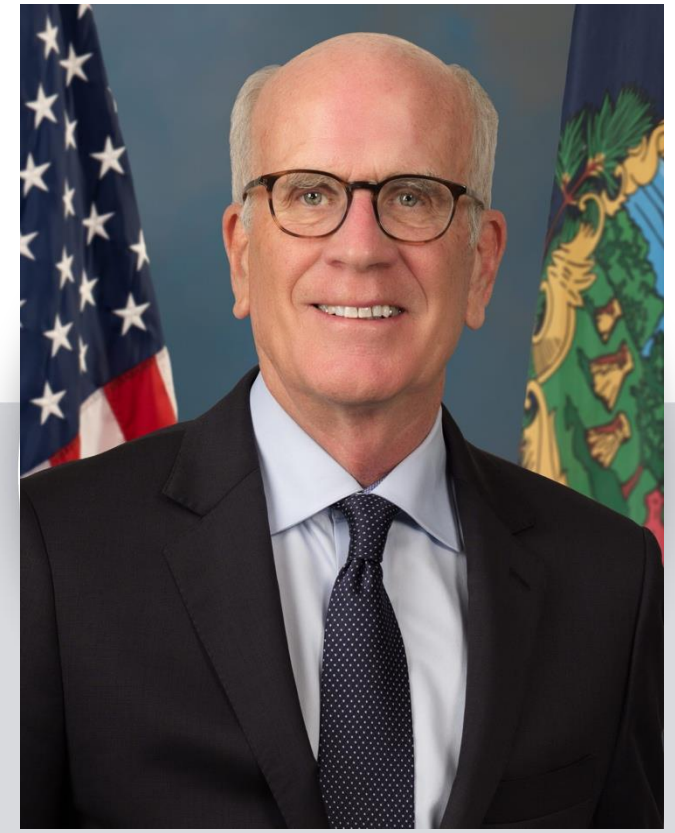
FTC DEALER ADVERTISING WARNING LETTERS/ CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT

AUTO-RELATED TARIFFS, TRADE & CHINA

Vermont's Congressional Delegation



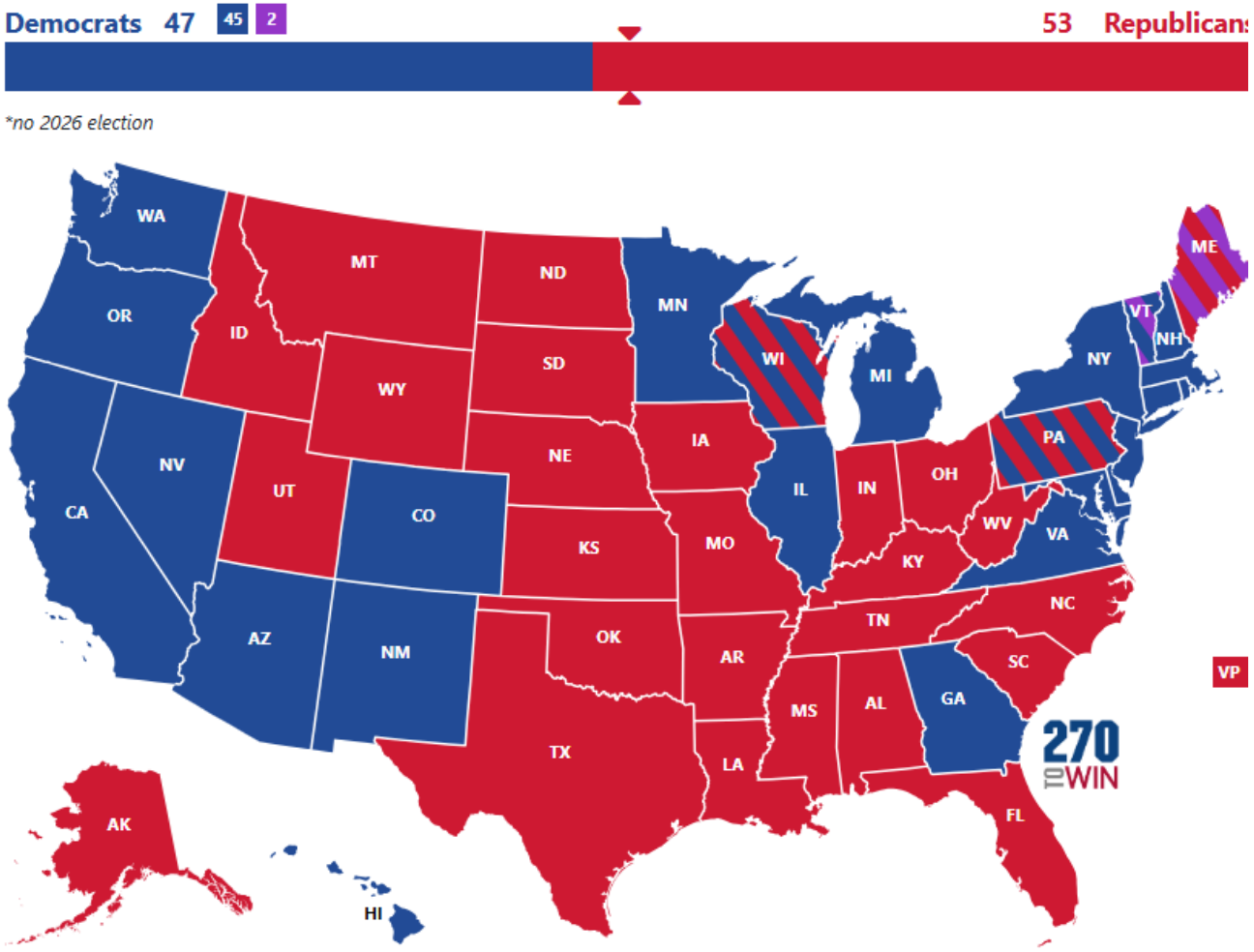
Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)



Sen. Peter Welch (D-VT)

Rep. Becca Balint (D-VT)

U.S. Senate – 119th Congress



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