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**Committee on  
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State Representative

**Samantha J. Kerkman**

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November 17, 2005

Representative Ann Nischke, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Insurance  
8 North  
Hand-Delivered

ROUTING

Dear Representative Nischke,

Assembly Bill 827, relating to prohibiting an insurer from requiring a certain vendor for repairing a motor vehicle, was referred to your committee on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Representative Shilling and I introduced this legislation to help ensure open and honest communication between the consumer and his/her insurance company. I believe it is important to note that this bill does not, in any way, prohibit direct repair programs, but simply allows the consumer to always have a choice in choosing a repair shop.

Many constituents from all over the state have been contacting their legislators for months to protest their insurance companies' sole use of direct repair programs and exclusion of consumer choice from repair decisions. Because of the large number of complaints received from Wisconsin citizens, I am respectfully requesting a public hearing to allow both sides of this issue to be heard. I would greatly appreciate your prompt consideration of this bill. Representative Shilling and I look forward to the opportunity to testify before your committee.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Samantha J. Kerkman  
State Representative  
66<sup>th</sup> Assembly District