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### SCRS Joins Industry in Outreach to U.S. Attorney General

*Prosser, WA, May 20, 2009* - The Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS) has joined efforts currently supported by a number of collision repair organizations across the country in a request to the Department of Justice, and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, to investigate violations of federal antitrust laws that seemingly take place in today's marketplace.

"Stemming from the circulation of a petition designed for leaders of state associations, SCRS felt compelled to offer our support of the efforts underway," stated Barry Dorn, SCRS Chairman. "Our board believed that a letter from the only national trade association dedicated to representing the collision repairer which articulated similar perspectives as those outlined in the petition would help to highlight the importance of the issues raised."

The SCRS letter, which will be sent directly to Attorney General Holder, is as follows:

Dear Attorney General Holder:

In the early 1960's, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy directed the United States Department of Justice to investigate the market conduct activity of certain insurers and insurance sponsored associations with respect to appraisals and repairs of insured damaged automobiles. The investigation found that 265 insurance companies, represented primarily by three national associations, were in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act. The Department of Justice filed a civil suit in U.S. District Court in New York against the insurers, and charged them with violation of Sections 1 and 3 of the Sherman Act.

Prior to trial, the parties agreed to a Consent Order which was approved by the court and signed on October 23, 1963. Section IV of the Final Judgment, as approved by the court, stated the defendants and co-conspirators would not operate