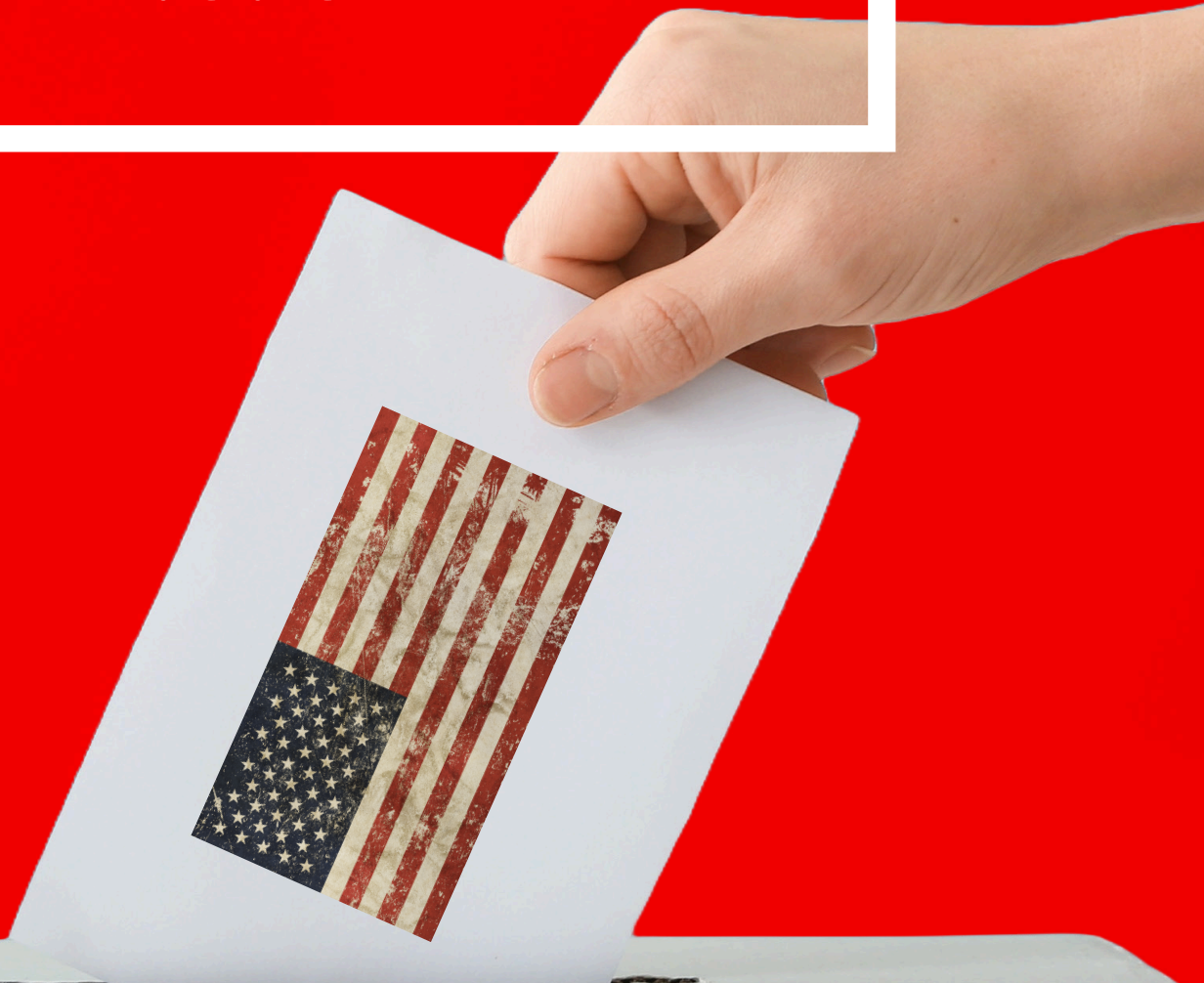


VOTER GUIDE

2024



U.S. SENATE





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INTRODUCTION

The Specialty Equipment Market Association, as part of its role of supporting the many voters who make up the U.S. automotive aftermarket industry, is providing non-partisan information on the major-party candidates who are running for federal office in 2024. Our experts in Washington, D.C., see firsthand how the decisions made in Congress and the halls of state capitols can have a lasting impact on not only SEMA members, but also the specialty equipment industry and auto enthusiasts, and advocate for policy issues that are core to SEMA's mission by ensuring policymakers hear a clear, strong, and unified voice from those impacted the most by their decisions.



ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This Voter Guide is intended as a resource for prospective voters so that they may be armed with the knowledge of which candidates best represent their values as they pertain to the automotive aftermarket. Each candidate is evaluated based on their positions on a series of recent legislation in the U.S. Senate.

A **'YES'** vote means the lawmaker was in support of SEMA's position on that particular bill.

Conversely, a **'NO'** vote indicates opposition to SEMA's stance.



BILLS OF NOTE

The U.S. Senate is made up of 100 senators, with two from each state. Because senators serve six-year terms, seats are staggered as to when they are up for election. In 2024, 34 seats are up for election. The Democrats currently hold a 51 to 49 majority in the Senate. The following bills represent the most important pieces of legislation to the automotive aftermarket industry that were introduced during the 2023-24 session:

Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act (S. 2090) would prohibit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from allowing California to implement its Advance Clean Cars II (ACC II) regulation that prohibits the sale of new internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles starting in 2035 and mandates that all new vehicles must be zero-emission vehicles (ZEV). **16 Republican cosponsors**

Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act (CARS Act) (S. 3094) would stop the EPA's tailpipe emissions rulemaking for model-year 2027 to 2032 light and medium-duty motor vehicles, which requires up to 83% of all new vehicles sold in 2032 to be ZEV. The bill also prohibits EPA from implementing future regulations to mandate the use of any specific vehicle technology. **36 cosponsors (35 Republicans & 1 Democrat)**

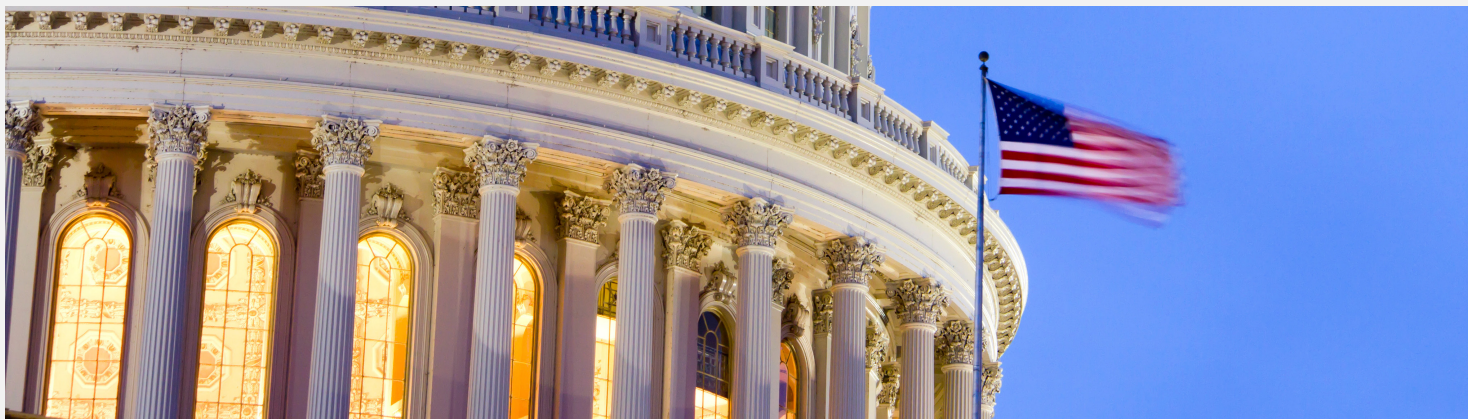
A bill to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce certain rules of the Environmental Protection Agency (S. 4072) would prohibit the EPA from spending Fiscal Year 2024 funds to implement, administer, or enforce the agency's tailpipe emissions rulemaking for model-year 2027 to 2032 light and medium-duty motor vehicles. **18 cosponsors (17 Republicans & 1 Democrat)**

America's Outdoor Recreation Act (AORA) (S. 873) is a bipartisan bill that streamlines the process and expenses associated with obtaining special recreation permits, requires federal land management agencies to increase opportunities for motorized and non-motorized access on public lands, and directs the BLM and Forest Service to make maps available to the public depicting where vehicles are allowed to recreate. **The Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee passed AORA by voice vote; 1 Democrat sponsor & 1 Republican cosponsor**

Western Economic Security Today Act (WEST Act) (S. 1435) would stop the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) from implementing its conservation rulemaking that could lock up public lands under new and vaguely defined conservation leases. **The Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee has not scheduled a vote on the WEST Act; 12 Republican cosponsors**

U.S. SENATE SCORECARD

Senator First Name	Senator Last Name	Party	State	Up for Re-election 2024	Vote on S.4072, A bill to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce certain rules of the Environmental Protection Agency	Cosponsor, S.3094, Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act of 2023	Cosponsor, S.873, America's Outdoor Recreation Act of 2023	Cosponsor, S.2090, Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act of 2023	Cosponsor, S.1435, A bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw a rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to conservation and landscape health
Tammy	Baldwin	D	WI	Yes	No				
John	Barrasso	R	WY	Yes	Yes	✓	✓	✓	Lead Sponsor
Marsha	Blackburn	R	TN	Yes	Yes	✓			
Sherrod	Brown	D	OH	Yes	Yes				
Maria	Cantwell	D	WA	Yes	No				
Bob	Casey	D	PA	Yes	No				
Kevin	Cramer	R	ND	Yes	Yes	✓		✓	✓
Ted	Cruz	R	TX	Yes	Yes	✓		✓	
Deb	Fischer	R	NE	Yes	Yes	✓			✓
Kirsten	Gillibrand	D	NY	Yes	No				
Josh	Hawley	R	MO	Yes	Yes				
Martin	Heinrich	D	NM	Yes	No				
Mazie	Hirono	D	HI	Yes	No				
Tim	Kaine	D	VA	Yes	No				
Angus	King	I	ME	Yes	No				
Amy	Klobuchar	D	MN	Yes	No				
Christopher	Murphy	D	CT	Yes	No				
Pete	Ricketts	R	NE	Yes	Yes	✓		✓	
Jacky	Rosen	D	NV	Yes	No				
Bernie	Sanders	I	VT	Yes	No				
Rick	Scott	R	FL	Yes	Yes	✓			
Jon	Tester	D	MT	Yes	Yes				
Elizabeth	Warren	D	MA	Yes	No				
Sheldon	Whitehouse	D	RI	Yes	No				
Roger	Wicker	R	MS	Yes	Yes	✓		✓	
Mike	Braun	R	IN	Not Running for Re-election	Yes	✓		✓	
Laphonza	Butler	D	CA	Not Running for Re-election	No				
Benjamin	Cardin	D	MD	Not Running for Re-election	No				
Tom	Carper	D	DE	Not Running for Re-election	No				
George	Helmy	D	NJ	Not Running for Re-election	No	NA - Not in Congress When Vote Took Place			
Joe	Manchin	I	WV	Not Running for Re-election	Yes	✓	Lead Sponsor		
Mitt	Romney	R	UT	Not Running for Re-election	Yes				✓
Kyrsten	Sinema	I	AZ	Not Running for Re-election	Yes				
Deborah	Stabenow	D	MI	Not Running for Re-election	No				



HOUSE-TO-SENATE CANDIDATES

Nine U.S. Senate candidates are currently members of the U.S. House of Representatives but are candidates for office in the other chamber of Congress.

They are evaluated on their support and/or sponsorship of the following House bills:

Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act ([H.R. 1435](#)) prohibits the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from allowing California to implement its Advance Clean Cars II (ACC II) regulation.

Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act (CARS Act) ([H.R. 4468](#)) would stop the EPA's tailpipe emissions rulemaking for model-year 2027 to 2032 light and medium-duty motor vehicles.

Western Economic Security Today Act (WEST Act) ([H.R. 3397](#)) would stop the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) from implementing its conservation rulemaking that could lock up public lands under new and vaguely defined conservation leases.

Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act ([H.R. 7024](#)) allows for immediate expensing of research and development (R&D) investments, interest deductibility, and the restoration of full and immediate expensing for investments in machines, equipment, and vehicles with the cap for small businesses increased from \$1 million to \$1.29 million.

Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act (REPAIR Act) ([H.R. 906](#)) prohibits automakers from imposing technological or legal barriers that block aftermarket replacement part manufacturers from accessing critical information and tools necessary to develop interoperable products with emerging vehicle technology.

Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences Act (EXPLORE Act) ([H.R. 6492](#)) is a bipartisan bill that streamlines the process and expenses associated with obtaining special recreation permits, requires federal land management agencies to increase opportunities for motorized and non-motorized access on public lands, and directs the BLM and Forest Service to make maps available to the public depicting where vehicles are allowed to recreate.

HOUSE-TO-SENATE CANDIDATE SCORECARD

First Name	Last Name	Party	State	District	Vote on H.R. 3397, Western Economic Security Today	Vote on H.R. 1435, Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act	Vote on H.R. 4468, Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act of 2023	Vote on H.R. 7024, Tax Relief for American Families and	Cosponsor, H.R. 6492, EXPLORE Act	Cosponsor, H.R. 906, REPAIR Act
Ruben	Gallego	D	Arizona	3	No	No	No	Yea	✓	
Adam	Schiff	D	California	30	No	No	No	Yea		
Lisa	Blunt Rochester	D	Delaware	At large	No	No	No	Yea		
Jim	Banks	R	Indiana	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	✓	✓
Elissa	Slotkin	D	Michigan	7	No	No	No	Yea	✓	
Andy	Kim	D	New Jersey	3	No	No	No	Yea		
Jeff	Jackson	D	North Carolina	14	No	No	No	Yea		✓
Colin	Allred	D	Texas	32	No	Did Not Vote	No	Yea		
John	Curtis	R	Utah	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	✓	



MORE INFORMATION

Advocacy

SEMA relies on the efforts of an engaged membership to advance our advocacy at the federal and state levels. Visit sema.org/advocacy to learn about our issues and how you can get involved.

Drive The Vote

Need help registering to vote and learning how to cast your ballot in the November election? SEMA's Drive The Vote initiative provides you with social media assets, messages, and links to vetted resources that you can use and share to increase our industry's engagement on Election Day. Visit sema.org/vote to learn more.

SEMA Action Network

The SEMA Action Network (SAN) is a nationwide partnership between vehicle clubs, enthusiasts and members of the specialty auto parts industry who want to protect their hobby. Visit www.semasan.com to get involved.

SEMA & PRI PAC

A political action committee, or PAC, is an organization that pools campaign contributions from members and donates those funds to campaigns for or against candidates, ballot initiatives, or legislation. PACs are formed by trade associations and other groups to support candidates who align with their interests. Our industry's political action committee helps build and sustain relationships with federal lawmakers who are champions of the automotive aftermarket industry. Visit www.semapac.com to learn more.