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## **Auto Dealers of Michigan appoints Kurt Berryman as director of legislative affairs**

Lansing – The Auto Dealers of Michigan, LLC (ADM), a joint legislative venture of the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association (MADA) and Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA), is pleased to announce that it has hired Mr. Kurt Berryman to help Michigan's new vehicle dealers enhance their legislative goals and priorities.

“Having a highly experienced individual directing the political and legislative affairs of Michigan's new car and truck dealers is very important to the continued success of our industry,” Carl Galeana, chairman of ADM's Board of Managers, said. “We went through an exhaustive six-month review of many talented candidates and believe that Mr. Berryman is the best person to assist the MADA and DADA in meeting our legislative goals.”

As a lobbyist for Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. (GCSI) in Lansing, Berryman has worked closely with the ADM in the past and has an understanding of the organization's political and legislative needs.

“Bringing Mr. Berryman into our organization just seems like a natural fit,” said Garry Clift, 2004 chairman of ADM's Board of Managers. “Our associations have depended on GCSI for guidance and advice for many years and Mr. Berryman has been right there to assist. He knows our issues, he has worked with us to advance these issues and he has the proven experience to get the job done.”

Berryman rejoined GCSI in June 2004 after serving as Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter. He previously worked for the firm as a lobbyist from January 2001 through January 2003.

“Kurt has been a wonderful asset to GCSI over the years,” Michael Hawks, director with GCSI, said. “We are sorry to see him leave, but know that the position with the Auto Dealers of Michigan is a perfect fit for his skills and experience and we wish him and the ADM the best.”

Prior to his time with GCSI, Berryman worked for several years in the Michigan Legislature, most notably as Chief of Staff for former Senate Majority Floor Leader Joanne Emmons. He also advised and worked on numerous political campaigns, including Michigan House, Senate and statewide education board races.

A graduate of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Berryman is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and sits on the organization's prestigious Tax Section. The Houston, Texas, native graduated Summa Cum Laude from Central Michigan University, where he also was a member of the Mortar Board Honors Society, Golden Key National Honors Society and Phi Kappa Phi National Honors Society.

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*The ADM was formed by the leadership of the MADA and DADA to create one unified voice in which to speak to the State Legislature. The organization is led by a nine-member Board of Managers that carries out the legislative priorities developed by the respective associations. The director of legislative affairs directs the day-to-day legislative activities and acts as a liaison between the ADM, MADA and DADA.*

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