Washington, DC - Today, Congressman Harry Teague announced that the Department of Transportation has extended the filing period for the CARS program, or Cash for Clunkers, through Tuesday, August 25 at 12 PM EST. While the deadline for the completion of sales remains today, August 24, at 8 PM EST, automobile dealers will now be able to continue filing rebate applications through tomorrow afternoon.

Despite an increase in the CARS system's capacity earlier this month, overwhelming demand caused the website to go down for a period of time this afternoon. In an attempt to accommodate those applications that could not be submitted, dealers have been given extra time to file the necessary paperwork.

The Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Act (CARS) is a program that allows consumers to trade in their old, gas-guzzling cars for vouchers worth up to $4,500 to help pay for new, more fuel-efficient vehicles. The program was extended by Congress earlier this month after the original allotted funding was exceeded by consumer demand.