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The Honorable Neal Dunn
466 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Representative Dunn:

On behalf of NFIB, the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, I write in support of H.R. 906, the *Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair (REPAIR) Act*. This legislation is an important step in safeguarding access to relevant vehicle data needed by independently owned auto repair shops to repair America's passenger vehicles safely and efficiently.

NFIB represents approximately 300,000 small and independent businesses across the country, including many independent vehicle repair shops. As the role of technology becomes commonplace in vehicle manufacturing, Americans are essentially driving computers on wheels, leaving many independent vehicle repair shops struggling to gain necessary vehicle data access to perform even the simplest of repairs.

In a recent NFIB member ballot, 89% of NFIB members agreed that "customers and repair shops [should] be able to access the necessary information from manufacturers to repair their products."

While the recently updated right-to-repair agreement between the Automotive Services Association, Society of Collision Repair Specialists, and Alliance for Automotive Innovation is a positive development, it provides no recourse or accountability when automakers stall or withhold pertinent vehicle data from independent vehicle repair shops or when third-party automotive repair information websites or software increase the fees required to access the vehicle data. Independent repair shops are constantly fighting to gain access to this data and losing money while doing it.

According to the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, America's independent vehicle repair shops are responsible for over 70% of aftermarket vehicle repair, and they deserve to have the guaranteed access to vehicle repair data provided by the *REPAIR Act*.

NFIB thanks you for introducing this important legislation and looks forward to working with you this Congress to advance this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Kuhlman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kevin Kuhlman
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