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Dear Chair McMorris Rodgers, Ranking Member Pallone, and members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee:

On behalf of NFIB, the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, I write to voice our support for H.R. 906, the *Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair (REPAIR) Act* and urge you to vote in favor of this important legislation. This legislation is a crucial step in safeguarding access to vehicle data needed by independently owned auto 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. According to a recent survey, 89% of NFIB members agreed that "customers and repair shops [should] be able to access the necessary information from manufacturers to repair their products."

As the role of technology increases, Americans are essentially driving computers on wheels. However, many independent vehicle repair shops do not have access to the necessary vehicle data to perform even the simplest of repairs. 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. However, the agreement provides no recourse when automakers stall or withhold vehicle data from independent vehicle repair shops or when third-party automotive repair information sites 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 percent of aftermarket vehicle repair. The REPAIR Act will provide these independent businesses with guaranteed access to vehicle repair data necessary to serve their customers.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea McGee", written in a cursive style.

Andrea McGee
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