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## **LKQ Supports the Pennsylvania Right to Repair**

Dear House Transportation and Consumer Affairs Committee Members:

As Vice President of Government Affairs for LKQ Corporation, I respectfully ask that you **SUPPORT** the Right to Repair legislation, which will be considered during an informational public hearing before the Joint Committee on Consumer Affairs and Transportation on June 2, 2011. **The Motor Vehicle Owners Right to Repair Act, would allow independent repair facilities to fully diagnose, service, and repair motor vehicles in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.**

The Right to Repair legislation offers significant benefits to Pennsylvania consumers, the independent automotive industry, and its employees. The Right to Repair is necessary because:

- With the increasing sophistication of computerized monitoring and diagnostic systems, consumers are constrained to have their vehicles repaired at franchised dealerships at unreasonably high prices. The Right to Repair legislation will allow consumers and independent repair facilities to access vital information to accurately repair a vehicle at reasonable, affordable prices; thus, benefiting from competition.
- Access to information, tools, and software to repair vehicles is limited to the automakers and their authorized dealers. This situation restricts independent repair shops from being able to compete with car company dealers. The Right to Repair legislation allows independent repair shops to have the necessary information to ensure a competent and safe repair for consumers, which would foster healthy and fair competition.
- For Pennsylvania consumers already feeling the squeeze from the economic recession, the Right to Repair legislation will grant them access to convenient and affordable alternatives to repair their vehicles. Instead of incurring in higher repair costs at the dealership, which could cost 100% more, consumers will have the option to choose from a wide variety of skilled and affordable repair facilities and service providers.

LKQ Corporation, upon the acquisitions of Keystone Automotive Industries and Greenleaf Recyclers, LLC, is the nation's largest and leading provider of aftermarket, refurbished and recycled OEM parts. LKQ employs 13,000 people nationwide within a network of approximately 320 facilities in more than 43 states.

In Pennsylvania, LKQ has 369 employees at 10 locations found in the following cities: one (1) in Bethlehem, one (1) in Erie, one (1) in Old Forge, one (1) in Parryville, one (1) in Philadelphia, one (1) in Pittsburgh, one (1) in Windber, two (2) in York, and one (1) in York Haven. LKQ pays taxes on a payroll of over \$13.9 million dollars.

As a member of the Joint Committee on Consumer Affairs and Transportation, I hope you will recognize the Right to Repair is of tremendous importance to consumers, small businesses and workers. I urge you to **SUPPORT** the Right to Repair legislation in Pennsylvania.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments. I can be reached at (954) 492-9092.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Sottile". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

Eileen A. Sottile  
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