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Dear Senator/Representative:

The United Auto Workers (UAW) Region 9 represents over **25,000** active and retired members in Pennsylvania. On behalf of our members, we strongly oppose the so-called "Right to Repair".

We along with our coalition partners have worked to defeat this misleading and unnecessary legislation in a number of states including New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Connecticut. It has never passed in any state.

While the intent of this legislation appears to be about vehicle repair, it actually contains language that threatens domestic manufacturing engineering jobs because it does not adequately protect proprietary information and trade secrets. Aftermarket parts companies who make cheap knock-off parts overseas will use the bill to initiate lawsuits to force auto manufacturers to reveal intellectual property that has nothing to do with repairing vehicles.

This will inevitably advance the trend of American companies eliminating and outsourcing good jobs upon which many Pennsylvania residents depend.

Supporters of this legislation will have you believe that it will help independent repair businesses – this is simply not true. In fact, the Automotive Service Association (ASA) which represents thousands of independent repair shops stand with us in opposition.

The "Right to Repair" supporters also want you to believe that the automobile manufacturers and dealerships are hoarding necessary repair data and forcing all repair shops not affiliated with an auto manufacturer to send business to the dealerships. This is misleading and ignores the fact that over 80% of post-warranty repairs are performed by independents.

We strongly urge you to stand with labor and oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,

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