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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. 1566, the *Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair (REPAIR) Act*. This legislation is an important step in maintaining competition in the automotive repair industry and keeping money in consumers' pockets.

NFIB represents approximately 300,000 small and independent businesses across the country. 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 we support the current right-to-repair "handshake" agreement between the Automotive Services Association, Society of Collision Repair Specialists, and Alliance for Automotive Innovation, 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*.

Independent vehicle repair shops provide cost-and time-saving services to their communities. NFIB represents countless businesses in rural areas that only have local independent vehicle repair or aftermarket parts shops. Without access to an independent vehicle repair shop, consumers will be forced to spend more time away from their own businesses and take more money out of their pockets.

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

Sincerely,

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