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The Honorable Brett Guthrie  
Chairman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2161 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2107 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Guthrie and Ranking Member Pallone,

On behalf of NFIB, the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, I write in response to recent changes made to the *BUILD America 250 Act*, also known as the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act, or the Highway Bill.

Since the start of this Congress, NFIB has strongly supported H.R. 1566, the *Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair (REPAIR) Act*. Small businesses were disappointed to see key provisions from the *REPAIR Act* dropped during the recent markup of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act. Unfortunately, the updated language would not result in any significant improvements to the status quo, as the 2014 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that it seeks to codify has proven itself to be outdated and ineffective.

NFIB member ballots have shown that nearly 90% of small businesses from across the country believe that "customers and repair shops [should] be able to access the necessary information from manufacturers to repair their products."<sup>1</sup> The nearly 300,000 small and independent businesses that we represent rely on working motor vehicles to operate and grow their businesses. Their businesses cannot be successful without affordable, reliable, trustworthy and convenient repair options.

NFIB encourages the committee to advance substantive *REPAIR Act* provisions into the full Highway Bill on the House floor, in order to maintain competition in the automotive repair industry and keep money in consumers' pockets. We appreciate your continued support of small businesses.

Sincerely,

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Louis A. Bertolotti  
Principal, Federal Government Relations  
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<sup>1</sup> NFIB Member Ballot, Mandate, vol. 577, October 2020. *Should customers and repair shops be able to access the necessary information from manufacturers to repair their products?* (Yes: 89% No: 4% Undecided: 7%).