

Inclusion of Heavy Duty Vehicles in Mass. Right to Repair Law in Jeopardy: Your Action Needed NOW!

Issue: The Massachusetts Legislature is considering a compromise that could dramatically alter the “Right to Repair” law that went into effect on January 1, 2013. One consequence of this compromise may be to remove heavy duty vehicles, those with a gross vehicle weight over 10,000 lbs., from coverage under the law. All Massachusetts heavy duty aftermarket businesses must write their state legislators now to encourage them to leave heavy duty vehicles in the Right to Repair law.

Background: The Right to Repair law prevents vehicle manufacturers and others from unfairly restricting access to the information and tools necessary to accurately diagnose, repair, re-program or install vehicle replacement parts. The issue in Massachusetts is of two competing versions of the Right to Repair law; one passed by the legislature in July 2013 that excluded heavy duty and one approved by the voters in November that does include heavy duty.

Action Needed Now: We understand that the heavy duty engine manufacturers are lobbying hard to take heavy duty vehicles out of the state’s right to repair law. It is therefore critical that companies with locations in the state write their state legislator urging that any legislation that is consider to consolidate the two measures include heavy duty vehicles.

CVSN (Commercial Vehicle Solutions Network) is seeking your help. We need you to contact your legislator. CVSN is an association of independent parts and service aftermarket distributors serving the transportation industry in North America. Our mission as the unified voice of the independent aftermarket distributor is to provide a forum to promote advanced business practices and education for our members and their supply partners for the betterment of their businesses and the commercial vehicle industry as a whole.

Your voice is needed to tell state legislators that heavy duty vehicles must remain in the “Right to Repair” law. Please take a minute to send a letter to them now! Time is of the essence. If you have any questions, please contact CVSN at 904-737-2900.

A pre-written letter that you can personalize is available for your convenience at: <http://tinyurl.com/MARighttoRepair>. If you prefer to send your own letter, thank you for contributing to the effort to keep heavy duty vehicles included in the “Right to Repair” law.

Write your Massachusetts officials today and urge them to keep heavy duty vehicles in the Right to Repair law!