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Dear Representative NAME,

I am writing to respectfully request that you support HR 906, the REPAIR Act. This bipartisan legislation preserves access to high quality and affordable vehicle repairs as motor vehicle technology advances, ensuring that commercial fleet owners and their repairers of choice have equal access to repair and maintenance data. The American economy depends upon the goods and services made available by the commercial heavy duty vehicle trucking industry – but this industry will falter without right to repair.

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While more than 70% of after warranty vehicle repairs occur at independent repair shops, vehicle technology advancements are threatening to shut out these businesses, eliminating choice and price competitiveness in the marketplace. The REPAIR Act would provide independent repair facilities with the rights to critical vehicle diagnostic and repair data, authorized by the vehicle owner, without restrictions imposed by the manufacturers. As a business that relies on a thriving aftermarket for our livelihood, this legislation will protect our future.

This issue is critically important to the commercial vehicle sector. Our livelihoods depend upon the goods and services made available by the over 9M vehicles in the commercial vehicle trucking industry. Trucking companies rely on the ability to utilize independent mechanics and aftermarket parts to keep commercial motor vehicle maintenance affordable and efficient. Heavy-duty truck manufacturers are now building proprietary firewalls around their on-board diagnostic systems. Without access to these systems and vehicle data transmitted through telematics, independent repair shops will be unable to service the trucking industry. Right to repair legislation affords commercial vehicle owners the ability to more effectively manage repairs and maintenance, improving commercial vehicle uptime and ensuring timely delivery of these goods and services—all of which play a major role in our nation’s supply chain.

Additionally, thousands of automotive aftermarket businesses produce parts and equipment that keep vehicles operating safely and affordably throughout their lifecycle (the average age of a vehicle is 12.1 years). The REPAIR Act ensures that consumers can continue to purchase aftermarket parts, as it prohibits vehicle manufacturers from employing any technological or legal barriers that limit competition and requires them to provide critical repair information and tools to independent manufacturers and repair shops at a fair and reasonable cost. For vehicle owners, this means more options and lower prices.

As we have learned in the recent past and continue to learn daily, keeping commercial vehicles running is imperative to a healthy and robust supply chain, and the REPAIR Act will ensure that trucks can continue to operate unimpeded by technological advancements. I urge you to support the REPAIR Act when it is considered by the House Energy and Commerce Committee in the coming weeks. Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information or to discuss this important legislation.

Sincerely,