

Vehicle Supplier Industry Priorities

Pass the REPAIR Act (H.R. 906)

Background



Every year, vehicles become increasingly sophisticated as the industry deploys new technologies that improve safety and the user experience. However, these technologies can also limit how repair shops perform vehicle service, maintenance, and repair. Vehicle technology advancements should not shut out independent vehicle repair and consumer choice and access to independently-owned vehicle and commercial truck repair is critical for low-income and rural communities as the average age of a vehicle is more than 12 years old.

MEMA urges legislators to cosponsor H.R. 906, the Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act (REPAIR Act) and pass the legislation in the 118th Congress.



The REPAIR Act:



Addresses anticompetitive repair restrictions identified by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in 2021.



Allows vehicle owners to securely share their vehicle's repair and maintenance data with their repairer of choice.



Requires NHTSA to establish cybersecurity protections for data access.



Preserves IP and allows vehicle manufacturers to develop their own vehicle data interfaces.



Establishes a stakeholder advisory committee to flag any emerging repair restrictions.

About **MEMA** Aftermarket Suppliers and the Vehicle Supplier Industry



MEMA Aftermarket Suppliers represent manufacturers of aftermarket components, tools, and equipment, and related products. Aftermarket suppliers keep America's more than 285 million vehicles safe on the road. Vehicle suppliers:

- **Directly employ 907,000 people**, making the industry the largest sector of manufacturing jobs in the United States
- Operate in **all 50 states**
- Direct, indirect, and induced vehicle supplier employment accounts **for 4.8 million U.S. jobs** and contributes **2.5 percent** to the U.S. GDP.

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