



WMDA/CAR Service Station and Automotive Repair Association

Chair Kriselda Valderrama and members of Economic Matters Committee

RE: HB1429 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission - Unauthorized Consumable Products - Enforcement and Seizure

Position: Favorable

My name is Kirk McCauley, my employer is WMDA/CAR, we represent service stations, convenience stores, and repair facilities across the state as a non-profit trade group established in 1937.

Independent repair facilities are our neighbors, community supporters, and a place to repair or service your vehicle close to home. Their ability to do so depends on their neighborhood repair facility being able to access vehicle information from manufacturers at a fair cost. Manufacturers are installing wireless communication devices that will send information back to location of manufactures choice, called Telematics. Repair information and Telematics are addressed in HB1429, along with farm equipment.

- HB1429 requires manufacturers to allow owners and independent repair facilities to buy repair information on a daily, monthly, or yearly subscription basis, at a fair price.
- Allowing owner of a new vehicle to send information (Telematics) to location of their choice, they did pay for it. Telematics data includes information critical to maintenance and repair of vehicle, safety, and convenience features.
- Consumers along with their trusted local repair facility (that might be a (Manufacturers Dealer) will benefit. Consumer benefits from driving a shorter distance for repair or maintenance, peace of mind knowing local location is part of community. Communities have started using the saying “Buy Local” from groceries to car repair.
- Right to repair bill passed in Massachusetts in 2012 and telematics was added in 2020, both by a wide margin. A federal court cleared the last part of a law suite brought by trade group representing manufacturers in February of 2025 – Right to Repair- [Session Law - Acts of 2012 Chapter 368](#) - Telematics - [Motor Vehicle Telematics System Notice Requirement | Mass.gov](#)
- HB1429 helps all owners of all vehicles that need repair and maintenance, not just from independent repair facility. Consumers that like a dealership to work on

their investment will benefit from a level playing field this bill creates, competition with everybody having the same tools in their box. Competition will encourage fair pricing.

- The environment will benefit by less miles driven to get to your favorite neighborhood repair facility, small savings but it all adds up. Our opponents will say information is already out there, in that case this bill will not hurt them at all, no one is asking for something free, just asking to be fair and manufacture can recover any cost to comply. It's time to help your neighbors and all consumers by passing HB1429.

WMDA/CAR asks for favorable vote on HB1429.

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