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Memo of Support for Maryland HBI429

iFixit is a repair company with over 125,000 step-by-step repair guides for how to fix everything from toasters to tractors, and we sell parts and tools for consumer gadgets so that people can fix things themselves. We also sell parts and tools wholesale to independent repair shops. In the last few years, we've started helping manufacturers get original parts to their customers.

We've been involved in the Right to Repair fight since 2014, and though our focus began on consumer electronics, right away we started hearing from farmers who had exactly the same kinds of problems. Equipment manufacturers refused to provide the repair materials they needed. Dealer repair was so slow and expensive that it could kill yields.

Farmers depend on their equipment during narrow planting and harvest windows, and when a tractor or combine breaks down, delays can have serious economic consequences. But increasingly, manufacturers restrict access to the parts, tools, software, and documentation needed to diagnose and fix that equipment. That means farmers can own a machine, but still be blocked from repairing it themselves or choosing an independent repair provider.

We believe that the people who rely on equipment to do their jobs should have the freedom to maintain and repair it. Right to Repair helps reduce costly downtime, supports independent repair businesses, lowers waste, and gives farmers more control over the tools they depend on every day.

For iFixit, this issue is about ownership, competition, and common sense. If you buy it, you should be able to fix it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kyle Wiens'.

Kyle Wiens
iFixit CEO