

## **Written Testimony in Favor of HB1429, Consumer Protection - Right to Repair - Motor Vehicles and Farm Equipment**

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To: Chair Valderrama, Vice Chair Charkoudian, and Members of the Economic Matters Committee

I am submitting written testimony in favor of HB1429, Right to Repair – Motor Vehicles and Farm Equipment.

As a community volunteer active in efforts to reduce waste and achieve environmental sustainability, I believe this legislation is an important step toward these goals. It will make fixing vehicles and farm equipment more accessible and affordable for the general public, and help shift our economy and culture away from a focus on “replacement” to one focused on “repair” whenever possible.

Such a shift will reduce waste and foster sustainability. As a consumer, I am noticing how difficult and expensive it is becoming to fix things. I would much rather repair things and keep them for their entire useful lives than buy something new when a repair is feasible and affordable. I have heard stories of still-working appliances ending up in a landfill.

I believe this repair philosophy applies importantly to motor vehicles and farm equipment – two vital items in our economy. Right to Repair also addresses the affordability issue that is a major concern at this time. Manufacturer-imposed barriers currently constrain the ability to adopt a more repair-friendly culture.

With the many environmental and sustainability challenges facing Maryland, Right to Repair is an important tool for reducing waste and moving toward a more sustainable state.

I urge a favorable vote on HB1429.

Sincerely,

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