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Co-Sponsor H.R. 2048 – The Motor Vehicle Owners Right to Repair Act of 2005

Dear Representative:

On behalf of our 367,000 senior citizen supporters across America, RetireSafe strongly urges you to co-sponsor and support H.R. 2048, the “Motor Vehicle Owners’ Right to Repair Act of 2005,” by Representatives Joe Barton, Edolphus Towns, Darrell Issa, and 65 additional House cosponsors. H.R. 2048 is a must-pass measure for older Americans – legislation that more than deserves the broad support it enjoys. We urge you to join in to help enact this important bill into law now before it’s too late.

Few consumer bills have ever been as critical as H.R. 2048 is to seniors. Most are on fixed income, many depend on older vehicles, and few can afford to be trapped in a car dealer monopoly for their vehicle repairs. Older Americans need the availability and the affordability of independent repair shops. H.R. 2048 will ensure that seniors, and all Americans have the right and the ability to get their automobiles fixed where they choose, not where the carmakers want to force them to go.

H.R. 2048, the Barton-Towns-Issa Bill, allows the independent repair shops, the backbone of vehicle maintenance in communities across America, to access the technical information necessary to make those needed car repairs. H.R. 2048 will save motorists from the disastrous plight they now face – highly computerized autos, growing daily more technical, more and more critical information withheld from the neighborhood independents, fewer repair options, and ever more expensive car dealers, making repairs unavailable, unaffordable, or both. The end result – unsafe cars and stranded seniors!

Independent repair shops can’t stay open if they can’t access the technical information they need to make repairs. Meanwhile the carmakers are busily creating repair monopolies for their car dealers, handing them the business they might otherwise lose due to the convenience, better service, and better price that many of the independents provide through their spirited competition. They’re not asking for the ability to make cars or parts – just for the ability to make all the repairs! They deserve that right, just as the motorists who depend on real competition deserve the right to have their vehicle repaired by someone other than a car-dealer.

For all of these reasons, RetireSafe joins the Coalition for Auto Repair Equality, NFIB, The National Grange, AAA, and many others to urge you to co-sponsor and support H.R. 2048, the Barton-Towns-Issa Motor Vehicle Owners Right to Repair Act today!

Sincerely,



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