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June 28, 2024

The Honorable Michael Burgess 2161 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Randy Weber 107 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Marc Veasey 2348 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Dan Crenshaw 248 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable August Pfluger 1124 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Lizzie Fletcher 346 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Burgess, Crenshaw, Weber, Pfluger, Veasey, and Fletcher,

I am writing to respectfully request that you support HR 906, the REPAIR Act, by considering it before the full Energy & Commerce Committee in July and voting yes. This bipartisan legislation preserves access to high quality and affordable vehicle repairs as motor vehicle technology advances, ensuring that consumers and their repairers of choice have equal access to repair and maintenance data.

In Texas, the automotive aftermarket is responsible for 197,681 jobs and \$37.9B in economic activity.

Christian Brothers Automotive Corporation operates 74 automotive repair centers in Texas and over 290 nationwide. With over 3,800 associates across the country, including just over 1,500 in Texas, we play a vital role in our local communities. Our focus is on the automotive aftermarket industry, and we rely on your support of HR 906. We have provided essential services and resources to the communities we serve since 1982.

While more than 70% of after warranty vehicle repairs occur at independent repair facilities, vehicle technology advancements are threatening to shut out these businesses, eliminating choice and price competitiveness in the marketplace. The REPAIR Act provides independent repair facilities with the rights to critical vehicle diagnostic and repair data, authorized by the vehicle owner, without restrictions imposed by the manufacturers.

Thousands of automotive aftermarket businesses produce parts and equipment that keep vehicles operating safely and affordably throughout their lifecycle (the average age of a vehicle is 12.1 years). The REPAIR Act ensures that consumers can continue to purchase aftermarket parts, as it prohibits vehicle manufacturers from employing any technological or legal barriers that limit competition and requires them to provide critical repair information and tools to independent manufacturers and repair shops at a fair and reasonable cost. For vehicle owners, this means more options and lower prices.

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I urge you to support the REPAIR Act. Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information or to discuss this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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