

Oppose the Digital Fair Repair Act (HB 4747)

- The Digital Fair Repair Act would mandate open access to machine repair and diagnostic tools, or access to embedded software code, risking the release of proprietary information. This Act applies to a broad swath of digital equipment ranging from inexpensive consumer products to expensive capital investments.
- Release of the information creates safety and environmental issues as millions of lines of code are critical to emissions and the safety of the equipment. For this reason, embedded software code is copyright protected and U.S. copyright law governs its access.
- Intended or unintended consequences of changing the code could result in:
 - Unsafe operation of products
 - Violation of emission controls
 - Voiding of warranties
 - Disruption of machine capabilities and performance
 - Less than optimal customer experience
 - Lack of transparency on changes during resale
- Current industry practices ensure the proper operation and maintenance of equipment, ongoing regulatory compliance, and the protection of intellectual property.
- HB 4747 fails to make the appropriate distinction between (1) access to software encoded in machinery or devices and (2) access to diagnostic tools and repair information. Current diagnostic and repair manuals for nearly every product are available to the general public and repair shops. Confidential and proprietary software and coding should be protected.

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