



July 11, 2025

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
House Armed Services Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
House Armed Services Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: AED's Opposition to "Right to Repair" Amendments to NDAA

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Smith:

On behalf of Associated Equipment Distributors (AED) and the off-road equipment industry, I'm writing to express our strong opposition to so-called "right to repair" amendments that are circulating in both the House and Senate to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

AED members sell, rent, and service construction, agriculture, forestry, mining, energy, municipal and industrial equipment. Our members, which are predominantly small to medium-sized, independent, family-owned businesses, provide high-paying jobs and serve as positive forces within communities throughout the country. AED members operate in every congressional district and fully support the U.S. military by not only supplying and maintaining off-road equipment used on bases throughout the world, but also by actively recruiting and employing veterans.

The proposed language, which is championed in the Senate by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, goes far beyond weapons and military equipment, and could impose requirements on many other commercial products procured by the Department of Defense (DOD), including the machinery that AED members sell, rent, and service. The scope of the amendment exceeds the goal of ensuring weapons and combat-readiness, and if adopted, could significantly alter the business model of equipment dealers, putting countless businesses at risk.

The amendment requires original equipment manufacturers to provide DOD with the same pricing, incentives, terms, and discounts provided to its authorized dealers, effectively denying a steady revenue stream for equipment dealers, which maintain extensive parts inventories to ensure repairs and maintenance can occur as soon as possible. Dealers would refrain from stocking parts, resulting in more machine downtime and increased costs, undermining a primary argument proponents use to support this proposal. Put simply, this would be an unprecedented intrusion into the off-road equipment marketplace without any relation to military readiness or cost-savings.

AED members readily provide the diagnostic tools and parts necessary for equipment repair and maintenance, and applying "right to repair" mandates on our industry is unnecessary and detrimental to the equipment industry's business model.

We ask House Armed Services Committee members to vote "no" on currently circulating, overly-broad "right to repair" amendments, which will have unintended consequences for businesses unrelated to weapons systems and military equipment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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