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Short Comment Regarding a Proposed Exemption Under 17 U.S.C. 1201

Item 1. Commenter Information

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Item 2. Proposed Class Addressed

Section 1201 Exemptions to Prohibition Against Circumvention of Technological Measures Protecting Copyrighted Works

Item 3. Statement Regarding Proposed Exemption

I oppose any legislation limiting the repair, maintenance or use of a lawfully purchased product. In the case of automobiles, once the producer sells a new vehicle the ownership responsibilities and all rights to the use or repair of the vehicle resides with the purchaser / new owner. Should the manufacturer wish to retain any rights to the disposition of the vehicle beyond the point of sale then the manufacturer should retain the responsibility to maintain the vehicle for the duration of those rights. Absolving the producer of any responsibility related to proper maintenance while instituting the requirement for a certification to repair or maintain destroys multiple industries and creates a monopoly on vehicle maintenance & repair for the benefit of the producer or it's subsidiaries.

Newer vehicles are inherently difficult to properly maintain and repair. However, the American automotive enthusiast has the ability to utilize available information sources to diagnose and repair dysfunctional or worn out components. Removing the cost savings incentive of home repair and maintenance will continue the slide of the American people away from having any knowledge of how the things we own function.

The average person in America purchasing items in the local Wal-Mart hasn't a clue in the world how that product works. This causes considerable unnecessary obsolescence of consumer items due to a slight fault or even a perceived failure of the product. This in turn increases the burden on local landfills and is just plain wasteful of the resources required to produce, market, transport, display and sell products in an already consumerism mad economy.

There is an honest level of pride exhibited by Americans in the cars they drive. Even people driving what many would consider a beater wagon that they have managed to keep running in a safe manner have a certain level of pride in that fact. To make it illegal to replace the brakes on a car, swap a transmission, rebuild an engine goes against the grain of the American people. Whether you belief it or not there are still people in America that consider home car maintenance and repair a hobby and for many it has become a necessity.

How a family making the US Median Family Income of less than \$60,000 in this day and age of \$40,000+ pickup trucks and \$100 to \$150 an hour service labor charges plus outrageous dealer marked up parts costs can manage to even purchase and keep up the payments on one is beyond my comprehension. Tacking on the requirement to go to Mr. Goodwrench for service or repair to avoid braking another repugnant law is overly burdensome.

When did it become the responsibility of the consumer to make certain the manufacturers get to have a requirement for us to return for another fleecing? If you aren't aware of this let me enlighten you about the duty of the service advisor's at your local dealership. It isn't to make sure your car is running properly. It is to make sure the dealership continues to make a hefty profit from the consumer's continued use of their vehicle.

Let those consumer's unable or unwilling to avail themselves of easily attainable repair information pull into the service bay at a dealer for another hit to their wallet. Let those willing to get a little grease under their nails continue to take pride in the fact that they are not only continuing a generationally handed down tradition of vehicle maintenance and repair but also saving what little of their money makes it past the myriad of current and future tax schemes from another shark in the waters of life.

Thank you, David M. Lawrence II

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