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**Comment:** To whom it may concern: The manufacturers want to control where we get our car repaired. We want stand for this invasion of privacy and also controlling us where we should do or go to fix our cars. Please do not allow manufactures to use a loop hole like the 1996 Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) To tell us that we dont own some parts or SW on our cars. When I buy something is mine to do what I please! Please close all lopp holes or enact laws that give us every right to do whatever we are please wit hour cars. There are many ways they can make it available to independent shops, but then it's no longer an independent market.If owners don't have the right to alter their property as they wish within the confines of existing regulations while also accepting that factory warranties could be affected, then the idea of product ownership begins to lose meaning. U.S. patent law protects consumers' right to repair their motor vehicle themselves, or choose a trusted technician to perform the work for them. Cleaning, repairing and refurbishing parts or replacing worn or broken parts has always been considered permissible under the law. Congress passed the DMCA to provide IP protections for expressive works, such as movies or music - not enable original equipment manufacturers to design systems that prevent replacement of functional software and parts. While unattended, DMCA is being used to stifle competition in the vehicle repair industry. Congress and the U.S. Copyright Office must take immediate action to clarify that vehicle owners and authorized third parties can continue to access embedded software for purposes of repair and maintenance. \* 

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