



Dear Chairman Wilson and Vice Chairman Crosby,

The Automotive Service Association (ASA) represents thousands of collision and mechanical repair professionals and small businesses in all 50 states. Our organization writes in opposition to House Bill 843.

ASA members rely on access to vehicle data to repair their customers' vehicles. Without that access, our members go out of business. We are pleased to inform you that independent repair shops enjoy that access today, making it possible for independent auto repairers to perform 70 percent of all post-warranty repairs in the United States.

We recognize that rapid advancements in automotive technology could undermine that access if left unaddressed. That's why we, along with the Society for Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS), signed an industry agreement in July 2023 with the Alliance for Automotive Innovation (the Alliance) – whose members manufacture around 98 percent of vehicles sold in the United States – that protects that access well into the future. It guarantees that independent automotive repairers can access the same information, systems, and tools provided to a manufacturer's franchised dealership needed to repair a vehicle. It stipulates that no technology, such as telematics or powertrain, can be used to circumvent this commitment. The agreement also created a Vehicle Data Access Panel to resolve potential gaps in data access. Our members value the ability to collaborate directly with manufacturers on these matters. This agreement provides long-term assurance to the independent automotive repair community.

While we are confident that the agreement is strong enough to stand on its own, we support efforts to codify the agreement into federal law. ASA, SCRS, and the Alliance are working with federal lawmakers to do just that. We oppose efforts to enact state laws on this issue, especially those whose provisions conflict with our July 2023 agreement. Independent automotive repairers, of whom the vast majority are small businesses, deserve a consistent set of rules that do not change once you drive across state lines. They also deserve rules that make it easier to return a vehicle to a safe operating condition. For these reasons, we respectfully ask you to join us in opposing HB 843.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the perspective of independent automotive repairers. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Washington, DC representative, Bob Redding, at rredding@reddingfirm.com

Sincerely,

Julie Massaro, ASA Executive Director

About Automotive Service Association (ASA)

ASA is the largest and oldest national organization committed to protecting the automotive repair industry with ONE VOICE. We are the only association whose board is comprised solely by automotive mechanical and collision repairers. Our members own and operate automotive mechanical and collision repair facilities responsible for the majority of all, post-warranty, repair services in the United States. ASA advocates for the interests of its members and their customers in Washington, D.C. The education, resources, and services ASA provides empowers its members in all 50 states to remain trusted stewards of mobility in their communities. Additional information about ASA is available on the ASA website www.ASAShop.org.