

The Honorable Warren Davidson

Member Day Hearing

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This morning I'd like to speak briefly on the need to pass the bipartisan REPAIR Act.

Freedom means owning what you buy. In today's landscape, automakers are locking our constituents out of the tools, software, and know-how for repairing their vehicles.

The REPAIR Act requires manufacturers to share the tools, data, and information for an individual or their local mechanic to be able to fix their vehicle. This gives our constituents the ability to choose when and where they get their cars repaired.

Right now, over 60 percent of repair shops struggle with routine fixes because automakers withhold data, jacking up repair costs by over three billion dollars annually. It's your car, and it should be your data, but right now, auto manufacturers remain in control of this data.

The REPAIR Act ensures transparency without compromising safety or intellectual property.

Independent repair shops employ nearly five million Americans and are a vital resource in many of our

communities.

The National Federation of Independent Business says 90 percent of its members support right-to-repair. The REPAIR Act has 43 cosponsors from 23 states, rural and urban districts, and both Republicans and Democrats.

Most importantly, this bill will bring down repair costs for working families.

I am proud to cosponsor this bipartisan, bicameral legislation, and I urge this Committee to pass the bill.

The second issue I would like to discuss is data privacy. Congress should establish a clear national standard that recognizes a simple principle: **data generated by people belongs to the them. It's Your Data.**

Americans generate enormous amounts of personal data every day. Under current law, private companies decide what data they share about you and how your data is collected and used.

Congress must pass legislation that reflects the fundamental

reality that you own your own data. This means individuals control how their data is collected it accessed, and used.

The final issue I'd like to discuss is Artificial intelligence. AI is one of the most important technologies of our time, and the United States is in a global race to lead in AI. That leadership depends on innovation and regulatory clarity.

The President's recent Executive Order rightly calls for federal preemption, but executive action is not enough.

Congress must act to establish a durable federal framework that preempts harmful state laws, protects legitimate interests like child safety, fraud, intellectual property, and ensures the United States remains the global leader in artificial intelligence.

Crafting the right legislative approach requires Congressional action through the committee process and action on the House floor.

Thank you Mr. Chairman for the opportunity to share my perspective on these important issues. I yield back.