



July 18, 2023

The Honorable Darrell Issa
2108 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Hank Johnson
2240 Rayburn House Office Building
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Re: IPO Letter to House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet on the Right to Repair

Dear Chairman Issa and Ranking Member Johnson,

Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) appreciates the time and consideration that the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property (IP), and the Internet gives to important IP matters, like whether there is a “right to repair.”

As you know, IPO is an international trade association representing a “big tent” of diverse companies, law firms, service providers and individuals in all industries and fields of technology that own, or are interested in, IP rights. IPO membership includes over 125 companies and spans over 30 countries. We advocate for effective and affordable IP ownership rights. IPO’s vision is the global acceleration of innovation, creativity, and investment necessary to improve lives.

In light of the July 18th hearing entitled, “Is There a Right to Repair?” we thought it would be helpful to inform the Subcommittee that in January 2020, the IPO Board of Directors passed the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, IPO supports the consistent application of exhaustion principles throughout patent law and across all industries. As such, exhaustion should not apply to the unauthorized sale by a third party of replacement parts or sub-parts of multi-component products.

FURTHER RESOLVED, IPO supports that the right of repair does not authorize infringement of other patent rights. A patent owner should be able to enforce a patent on a component regardless of the component’s relation to the whole item.

We look forward to working with the Subcommittee and the broader House Judiciary Committee on these matters. We stand ready to help ensure that Members of Congress understand that IP is critical to meeting the global challenges we face and encourage looking at hard facts and data—including the impact on US jobs and future R&D investment—when making policy decisions that impact innovation.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica K. Landacre". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "K".

Jessica Landacre
Executive Director

cc:

Members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet