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House Committee on Commerce and Economic development,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion to your committee,

I Brian Kemp testified a few weeks ago in House bill H-81 in the House Ag committee, and have been asked to testify with your committee. I manage Mountain Meadows Farm which is a organic Beef operation managing 3000 acres of land.

The concerns that I have with this bill as proposed mainly pertain to the negative effects that could possibly affect our agricultural dealerships. Many farmers depend on so heavily for not only sales, parts but also on service. If any person can obtain information for repair and direct parts purchases, circumventing the role of these dealerships, I fear the long-term sustainability of said dealerships.

I know for a fact that the Dealerships send Technicians annually for training to use the diagnostic equipment. I question that other competitors whom are seeking these diagnostic tools for free are going to be properly trained and understand the programs. Secondly, I have concerns about Safety, someone could intentionally or unintentionally disable some features that could affect future owners of used equipment. Emissions is another concern that could be omitted and that does harm to the Environment, and circumvents EPA standards. Both points which Dealers legally cannot change. We heavily rely on the support of our local service departments, sometimes it is just a call for help in diagnosing a piece of equipment that we are working on ourselves, and if not, service calls on the farm or into their shop. These are relationships that we have built over the years with the owners, service managers and technicians that I personally do not want to lose.

For these reasons I as a Framer do not support Bill H-81

Sincerely, Brian Kemp