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My name is Doug Fay, I am the Business Manager / President of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 98. We represent approximately 1100 members in Vermont, New Hampshire and Western Massachusetts. Our members operate: cranes, bulldozers, excavators and loaders used to build and repair the roads and bridges in our area.

We also represent equipment dealers and rental houses that are directly impacted with the VT H 79 / S 46 Fair Repair Act and Vt H 81 Fair Repair of Agriculture Equipment. The equipment of today is very complicated. Repairs done by untrained people can be not only expensive to the owner but also dangerous to the public. An equipment operator must trust that the piece of equipment is operating properly and safely. It requires proper training to repair and maintain this type of equipment. Opening up the complex systems of these pieces of equipment could end up with catastrophic results.

I am submitting my testimony in opposition to the Fair Repair Acts. The IUOE has a long history of diligence to keep the workplace safe. Please listen to our voice. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Respectfully,

William (Doug) Fay
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