

# Illegal Tampering Coalition

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Our coalition is unified in opposition to legislation that would allow for unfettered access to the software governing safety and security of our products. And, in the case of engine-powered products, the software controlling emissions technology on products manufactured, sold, and operated by coalition members.

Often, we find proponents of “Right to Repair” policies include the need for access to this software in their advocacy. However, we believe giving access to source code will increase the risk of tampering that runs afoul of applicable Federal safety, security, and emission requirements. Additionally, it threatens to undermine manufacturers’ innovation and intellectual property rights.

Another potential risk is due to damage from modifications, which must be understood as distinctly different than repairs, by untrained individuals. Modifications create product safety and performance issues, which can lead to claims against the original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). In addition, dealers who take trade-ins or refurbish used equipment, as well as subsequent owners, may not know the equipment is modified and are at risk of catastrophic failures.

Our industries and customers share in the desire to minimize downtime and maximize productivity. That is part of the reason why our broad coalition has invested significant capital in cutting-edge proprietary innovations that incorporate the latest technology, training, and support for end users.

Our coalition members do not believe that proprietary software, developed specifically for the safe operation of equipment that meets strict government regulations, should be used to “legalize” tampering. You can find more information on the website [www.illegaltampering.com](http://www.illegaltampering.com).

## COALITION MEMBERS

Associated Equipment Distributors  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Connecticut Construction Industries Association  
Deep Southern Equipment Dealers Association  
Diesel Technology Forum  
Equipment Leasing and Financing Association  
Far West Equipment Dealers Association  
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association  
International Union of Operating Engineers  
Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association  
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Latino Landscape Network  
Marine Retailers Association of the Americas  
Montana Equipment Dealers Association

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National Marine Distributors Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
North American Equipment Dealers  
Association  
Northeast Equipment Dealers Association  
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute  
Outdoor Power Equipment and Engine Service Association  
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