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## *Keep Appliance Repairs Safe & Secure*

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### OPPOSE SB 180

AHAM represents manufacturers of major, portable and floor care home appliances, and suppliers to the industry. AHAM's membership includes over 150 companies throughout the world. In the U.S., AHAM members employ tens of thousands of people and produce more than 95% of the household appliances shipped for sale. The factory shipment value of these products is more than \$30 billion annually.

Last year, more than 4 million major home appliances were shipped for sale in Vermont.

The home appliance industry, through its products and innovation, is essential to improving a person's lifestyle and health, and saving people time. Through its technology, employees, and productivity, the industry contributes significantly to U.S. jobs and economic security. Home appliances also are a success story in terms of energy efficiency and environmental protection. New appliances often represent the most effective choice a consumer can make to reduce home energy use and costs.

The Vermont legislature is currently considering S.B. 180, which would make it challenging for appliance manufacturers to ensure their products are being repaired by qualified, trained repair technicians. By requiring manufacturers to release sensitive, often proprietary repair-related information to all service providers—not just those authorized to service the products—the bills potentially create safety risks for consumers and threaten electronic security in the case of connected products.

AHAM urges members of the Vermont legislature to oppose this legislation and ensure that consumers can rest easy knowing their appliances are being repaired safely and securely by authorized, properly trained repair professionals.