



# Testimony on H.81 - An Act Relating to the Fair Repair of Agricultural & Forestry Equipment

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# Other states are moving forward



Enacted right-to-repair for certain consumer products in the past 2 years



Enacted right-to-repair for powered wheelchairs in 2022 & agricultural equipment in 2023

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"I'm talking to my constituents out in rural areas and they're telling me that they're buying third-party illegal software from Russia trying to fix their own machines. That is a problem. It is time that we pass something to help the ag community."

- Rep. Ron Weinberg, R-Loveland, co-sponsor of Colorado agricultural fair repair bill



# Points of emphasis

- Ultimately, this is about giving farmers/loggers more repair options
- Advancing an agricultural right-to-repair bill will not allow individuals to override emissions controls
- Right-to-repair can enhance repair safety
- Farmers/loggers and independent repair technicians do not currently have access to all of the tools and information they need
- The Memorandum of Understanding is not enough



**THANK YOU**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL!**