



April 8, 2025

Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development
c/o Legislative Information Office
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Automotive Recyclers Association – Oppose – LDs 292, 442, 1227, 1228, 1394:

Dear Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and honorable members of the Committee,

The Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA) appreciates the opportunity to submit the following testimony in opposition to LD 292, 442, 1227, 1228, and 1394. The Automotive Recyclers Association and its Maine member businesses play an important role in the vehicle repair market by providing vehicle owners with affordable alternatives to more expensive new original equipment manufacturer replacement vehicle parts. Professional automotive recyclers supply recycled original equipment motor vehicle parts to vehicle owners and collision repair shops and are in some cases the only source for replacement vehicle parts. ARA respectfully requests that the Committee vote against the passage of these bills as it will impede the implementation of or repeal the Automotive Right to Repair Law passed by Maine voters in 2023. ARA also respectfully requests that the Committee pass the original (and consensus) recommendations of the working group and include automotive recyclers as a member of the independent commission to establish and administer access to vehicle generated data.

Right to repair legislation is needed to ensure the continued existence of several industries that employ thousands of U.S. citizens. Without access to vehicle repair and maintenance data, vehicle owners and independent repairers will be unable to repair vehicles with affordable recycled parts. The end result of OEMs' refusal to provide vehicle owners and independent repairers repair and maintenance data is an elimination of the alternative parts industry and the independent repair industry. Vehicle owners will suffer from a lack of consumer choice in the replacement part and repair industries. Independent repairers will be unable to compete with OEM approved repairers within their own closed networks and will no longer be a viable option for consumers.

Respectfully,

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