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**Dear Chair Joseph A Solomon, Jr.  
Representative William W. O'Brien, 1st Vice Chair  
Representative Justine A. Caldwell, 2nd Vice Chair  
Members of the House Corporations Committee**

I write in strong support of **H7180, Right to Repair**. iFixit is a repair company with over 100,000 step-by-step repair guides for how to fix everything from toasters to tractors, and we sell parts and tools. More than **60 thousand** Rhode Islanders have visited iFixit in the last year to get help fixing their own electronics.

We also sell parts and tools wholesale to independent repair shops. Recently, we've started helping manufacturers get original parts to their customers; we're now the official parts distributor for Google, Nokia / HMD, Logitech, and Valve.

Through our business, we hear from individuals and independent repair shops about the things that make repair difficult. Both groups have **trouble finding spare parts**. Manufacturers of products like vacuum cleaners and fitness trackers often don't have any parts available at all.

But even when you can find a replacement part, repair may still be blocked. Through parts pairing, manufacturers link a part to a device serial number and then limit the part's functionality.

iFixit has conducted extensive research on the extent of parts pairing in consumer devices. **Parts pairing has become both more prevalent and more restrictive over time**. We've begun to see parts pairing in devices as far ranging as washing machines and chainsaws. For many years, parts pairing restrictions have become the biggest challenge for independent electronics repair shops.

However, there is some hope: Thanks to Right to Repairs laws limiting the practice of parts pairing that have passed in Oregon and Colorado, Apple has begun to make its software available to customers and independent repair shops.

H7180 would make sure that individuals and independent repair shops can get access to the same parts, tools, and documentation that manufacturers' shops have. It would require that manufacturers give customers access to the software necessary to make parts functional. It would **level the playing field**, making repair cheaper and more widely available for all Rhode Islanders

iFixit stands in strong support of H 7180/ and asks for your "aye" vote. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kyle Wiens'.

Kyle Wiens  
iFixit