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Opposition of **H. 7476**

Good afternoon, Chair Solomon and Members of the House Corporations Committee:

My name is Richard Longbottom Branch Manager of Monroe Tractor I am writing to you today in opposition to **H.7476**

Our dealership offers a wide range of Agriculture, supported by a comprehensive parts department and certified service technicians.

H.7476 fails to define "repair" proper repair (or servicing) must return the equipment to the OEM's original safety and performance specifications and ensure it can meet its original intended use.

Without clearly defining what "repair" means, H. 7476 could unintentionally harm customers. Today's equipment is very complex, with hydraulics, electronics, sensors, emissions systems, and software all working together. Because of this, a repair must return the entire machine to the manufacturer's original safety and performance standards so it can safely do the job it was designed for.

If someone repairs or modifies equipment in a way that doesn't match its original design or intended use, it can lead to problems like reduced engine performance, hydraulic issues, shorter equipment life, or unexpected breakdowns during critical times such as planting or harvest. These changes can also interfere with important safety features that protect the operator, such as sensors, interlocks, and other systems that must be calibrated correctly to function. Without a clear definition of what counts as a proper "repair," these risks become much more likely, and customers are the ones who end up dealing with the downtime, added costs, and safety concerns that result.

For the reasons outlined above, **Monroe Tractor respectfully requests an UNFAVORABLE VOTE** on H. 7476.

Thank you, Chair Solomon and members of the committee, for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Longbottom