



State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

March 10, 2026

Representative Joseph Solomon
Chair, House Committee on Corporations
82 Smith St, Room 101
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Letter of Support for HB7476: An Act Relating To Commercial Law -- General Regulatory Provisions --
Agricultural Equipment Right To Repair Act

Dear Representative Solomon:

I write to you in support for each HB7476: An Act Relating To Commercial Law -- General Regulatory Provisions
-- Agricultural Equipment Right To Repair Act.

Presently, consumers in need of repairs for their agricultural equipment are reliant on the services offered through the manufacturer, leaving them unprotected from the whims of the major corporations who sold them their equipment. This bill provides that original equipment manufacturers, implemented by/with surrogate distributors, of agricultural equipment, provide to independent service providers repair information and tools to maintain and repair electronics-enabled agricultural equipment.

Rhode Islanders deserve agency and autonomy to make the appropriate financial decisions regarding their consumer goods. A right to repair allows them to make responsible, informed decisions. Furthermore, small businesses in Rhode Island with the capacity and capability to make repairs deserve the opportunity to offer this service free from the fears of legal action taken on by major technological corporations.

For these reasons and many more, I urge you to favorably vote this bill out of committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sabina Matos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sabina Matos

Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor

CC: Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith