



Clerk Adriana Carlucci
House Judiciary Committee
82 Smith Street,
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Landscape Industry Comments Opposing S2487 – RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DIGITAL ELECTRONICS RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT

The National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP) is the national trade organization representing the \$800 million landscape industry in Rhode Island, employing thousands of employees in the Ocean State. Member companies specialize in lawn care, landscape maintenance, tree care, irrigation, and water management.

Our members are trained, state-certified landscape and lawncare professionals who work daily performing essential services to homes and businesses to maintain their landscapes, sustain the environment, and enhance and maintain healthy and safe green spaces.

As landscape and lawncare professionals, we rely on the equipment and technologies of outdoor power equipment manufacturers. NALP joins our partners at John Deere in opposing S2487 -- Relating To Commercial Law -- General Regulatory Provisions -- Digital Electronics Right To Repair Act

In various non-road equipment sectors, customers can already access a wide range of solutions that help with repairs while maintaining the integrity of safety and emissions systems. These systems are crucial for the safety of both operators and repair technicians. Any tampering or modifications could lead to severe consequences, such as safety and performance issues, which can ultimately lead to claims against the original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

The bill's provisions have the potential to compromise safety and emissions standards and undermine the innovation and intellectual property rights of manufacturers. For these reasons, the National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP) opposes S2487 and urges an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

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