Senator Matt Klein
Senator Judy Seeberger
Senator Gary Dahms
Members of the Consumer Protection Committee

March 11, 2026

Dear members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee,

I am writing in support of SF 2484, which would add motorcycles to Minnesota's Digital Fair Repair Act.

As an avid motorcyclist, a certified mechanic, a member and Officer of NW Chapter - Abate of MN and Assistant MN State Representative for Motorcycle Rights Foundation (MRF), the rights to repair my own motorcycle is dear to me and my fellow riders.

In recent years manufacturers have implemented restrictions to tooling, parts, information and software access to repair the things we have purchased with our hard earned money. As a motorcycle owner I expect and deserve the right to make my own repairs and/or be able to choose where I want it repaired. I shouldn't have to haul my bike over a hundred miles to the nearest dealer when we have qualified repair shops within just a few miles. Additionally I should be able to enjoy my hobby of working on my bike without restrictions and hinderances.

When manufacturers provide information and materials only to dealers, they can name their price and they can create an obsolescence demanding to buy new instead of keeping our cherished bikes o the road.

Restrictions also hurt the independent mechanic and small shops that don't have the cash flow to purchase inflated tooling and expensive software licenses. Majority of these small business have the skills and experience to make the repairs for their customers.

The Digital Fair Repair Act has already helped to provide repair resources for so many other consumer products, and it's time for motorcycles to be included as well.

I respectfully request your full support of SF 2484 Digital Fair Repair Act.

Respectfully,
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