

Dear members of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee,

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

Too much of our modern world is characterized by unnecessary waste. So many products are manufactured and built with a shortened lifespan in mind, pressuring people into buying something new rather than fixing what they already have.

We all deserve to be able to fix our own things, and riders should have this right as well. All too often, motorcyclists face manufacturer limitations through software and proprietary hardware which mean that dealers can end up being the only available opportunity for a repair. This is monopolizing behavior that hurts consumers and can create unnecessary waste, and we need a solution.

This throwaway trend hurts both consumers and the environment, and we're glad to see that Minnesota has already taken steps towards reversing these practices through the Digital Fair Repair Act. Thanks to this law, Minnesotans can now access essential repair information for electronics and appliances. It's time to add motorcycles to this list.

Sincerely,

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