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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.

If your motorcycle breaks, you should be able to fix it. If you own it, you should be able to choose where you'd like to get it fixed, or fix it yourself. This premise has been threatened in recent years as manufacturers have employed restrictions on the parts, tools, information, and software access needed to repair the things we own. The Right to Repair addresses this by requiring manufacturers to share the repair materials they have.

When manufacturers only provide repair materials to authorized servicers, they can name their price to fix devices or refuse to, inflating the cost of repair and pushing us to replace them instead. For motorcyclists, this has created a monopolized repair ecosystem in which dealerships are often one of the only options available for service, enabling manufacturers to decide when a motorcycle is too old or too inconvenient to keep servicing – and by extension, to keep on the road.

Repair restrictions also hurt independent mechanics, who struggle to serve their customers when they can't access basic repair materials on fair terms. These unfair practices hurt riders and the small businesses they rely on.

Manufacturers should not be able to decide if you can fix your own motorcycle. 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.

Sincerely,
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