New Survey Confirms Overwhelming Majority of Voters in Rhode Island Want Federal Right to Repair Protections

A new CAR Coalition survey, conducted nationally and in select states, shows strong support for right to repair measures, like the SMART Act, that will protect consumer choice and ensure quality, affordable and safe repair options.

**RHODE ISLAND RIGHT TO REPAIR SNAPSHOT**

- **80%** support right to repair legislation that allows consumers to choose where and how to repair their vehicle.
- **92%** agree that consumers should be able to choose between auto-maker-branded and aftermarket car parts when making repairs.
- **87%** support vehicle data being made available to consumers and any repair shop they choose.
- **23%** believe that design patents should be used for common car items, like side mirrors or bumpers.

Results from Rhode Island were consistent with national data, which found that 78 percent of Americans support right to repair legislation as outlined.

A bipartisan coalition has introduced the SMART Act to preserve right to repair by addressing increasingly anti-competitive practices from original manufacturers that limit options for aftermarket repairs.

The CAR Coalition is a group of independent automotive parts and repair companies, associations and insurers committed to preserving and protecting consumer choice. Learn more about CAR and its campaign for right to repair legislation at [www.CarRepairChoice.org](http://www.CarRepairChoice.org).

*This survey was conducted October 11 – October 27, 2021 among 409 vehicle-owning voters in Rhode Island.*