

# New Survey Confirms Overwhelming Majority of Voters in Texas 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.

## TEXAS RIGHT TO REPAIR SNAPSHOT

76%

SUPPORT RIGHT TO REPAIR LEGISLATION THAT:

Allows consumers to choose **where and how to repair their vehicle**

Reduces design patent enforcement time from **15 to 2.5 years** for collision repair parts, as proposed by the **SMART Act**

Makes **vehicle data** more readily available

90%

Agree that **consumers should be able to choose** between auto-maker-branded and aftermarket car parts when making repairs

83%

Support **vehicle data being made available** to consumers and any repair shop they choose

ONLY  
24%

Believe that design patents should be used for **common car items**, like side mirrors or bumpers

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

A bipartisan coalition, including U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, 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 25, 2021 among 606 vehicle-owning voters in Texas.\**