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The Honorable Frank Carroll
Arizona State Legislature
House Transportation Committee
1700 W Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: HB 2083 – Restriction on Motor Vehicle Parts, Tools, Equipment, and Diagnostics.

Dear Committee Chair Carroll and Committee Members:

The Automotive Body Parts Association (ABPA) respectfully opposes HB 2083 which is scheduled for a hearing before the House Transportation Committee on 2/20/21. **HB 2083 would prohibit vehicle owners & independent repairers from accessing a vehicle's on-board computer to conduct a repair or to enhance their vehicle. HB 2083 also mandates that Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) procedures, which restrict aftermarket and performance parts, tools, and equipment.**

Who We Are - With more than 160 member companies, the Automotive Body Parts Association (ABPA) occupies over 400 distinctive locations including collision parts distribution centers, manufacturing facilities, and parts recycling plants. ABPA's members are responsible for distributing more than 80 percent of the independently produced aftermarket crash replacement parts sold to the collision repair trade.

Why We Oppose HB 2038

Many consumers and enthusiasts like to enhance their vehicles by performing certain upgrades such as newer, larger wheels, lift kits for their trucks and changing their front bumper for a more aggressive look. As many newer vehicles are equipped with Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS), access to on board computer systems are needed by consumers to successfully upgrade their vehicles. **HB 2083 would make it illegal for vehicle owners and independent repair shops to conduct simple upgrades to their vehicles such as changing to larger wheels because accessing the on-board computer for post alignment and reprogramming of the anti-lock braking system would be prohibited.**

HB 2083 would target the independent repair sector by granting an exemption to the car companies. Consumers will have limited choice in where to have their vehicle computers accessed. Also, consumers would be restricted in opting for alternative and/or specialty parts if these parts require the needed access to the vehicle computer systems for needed reprogramming. **HB 2038 would force vehicle owners to use the expensive OEM network to access their vehicle's on-board systems. The vehicle owner should have a choice as it is their vehicle. HB 2038 would limit consumer choice and create higher pricing.**



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OEM Repair Procedures have become prevalent in the repair industry. While they provide valuable repair guidance, the default language in all OEM Repair Procedures is that consumers and repairers are recommended to use OEM parts to successfully repair a vehicle. These self-serving statements are misleading as aftermarket parts provide a safe and economical choice as compared to OEM Parts. The ABPA is against any Repair Procedure that encourages monopolistic behavior that would solely benefit the OEM manufacturer as this would further burden the consumer.

The ABPA represents many of our members who have a presence in Arizona including AutoFit, Brock Supply, AZ Auto Body Parts, Meyer Distributing and LKQ Corp. We respectfully ask you to **vote "NO" on HB 2038** for the benefit of Arizona vehicle owners.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 800-323-5832.

Best Regards,

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