



March 2, 2017

Chairwoman Laura Ebke
Judiciary Committee
Nebraska Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Honorable Ebke:

RE: Support LB 67

Madam Chair:

Maintenance for modern technologically enhanced farm equipment requires access to information. Manufacturers, through specialized diagnostic tools only available to the manufacturer's certified dealers, copyright this information. Farm equipment owners and independent, unaffiliated parts and repair shops, are adversely affected by limited access to these tools.

The auto industry addressed this issue through a memorandum of understanding in which manufacturers agreed to make their diagnostic repair tools available for purchase, on a fair and reasonable basis, by unaffiliated repair shops.

The bill directs that manufacturers of agricultural equipment allow equipment owners and independent repair facilities to gain access to the same diagnostic tools, repair information and technology codes that are available to the manufacturer's dealers. Nebraska Corn Growers Association members strongly support LB 67 to reduce maintenance and operating costs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dan Wesley'.

Dan Wesley
President