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**CONSUMERS WILL GET TO VOTE ON THEIR  
RIGHT TO REPAIR AS MEASURE GAINS BALLOT SPOT**

*83,180 Certified Voter Signatures Approved by Secretary of State*

**Boston, MA** – The Right to Repair Coalition announced today that its ballot initiative will be on the 2012 ballot, having received the official letter this week from the Secretary of State's office confirming that 83,180 signatures have been approved from every region of the state, far more than the 68,000 signatures required.

When Right to Repair is passed, the new law will save motoring consumers money by requiring the car companies to provide all non-proprietary repair information to vehicle owners or their preferred technicians. The car companies provide full repair information to their new car dealerships, but relatively little to the independents or to the owners of the vehicles.

"We are thrilled that this consumer legislation is now officially on the 2012 ballot," said Art Kinsman of the Massachusetts Right to Repair Coalition. "For the first time, consumers will actually have options when it comes to car repairs, and those options will be more affordable," he added.

The legislature is expected to hold a committee hearing on the ballot petition sometime in February. The legislature has until May 1<sup>st</sup> to act; the legislature can act on its own and

preclude the need for a ballot measure, bringing relief to consumers facing high dealership repair bills even sooner.

“It’s time to level the playing field and keep the big automobile manufacturers and their dealerships from dictating where consumers go for car repairs,” said Kinsman.

Currently, auto manufacturers provide only some of the diagnostic and safety information needed to repair vehicle owners’ cars with independent technicians, limiting consumers’ choices and losing business for neighborhood repair shops.

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