



## UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES

Our coalition is unified in opposition to legislative or regulatory proposals that would allow for unfettered access to the software that governs safety, security and, in the case of engine-powered products, emissions technology on many products manufactured, sold, and operated by coalition members. Current proposed legislation serves special interests and does not meet the needs of the general public. Furthermore, if enacted, such legislation could pose serious safety, security and environmental risks.

Our industries and customers have a shared desire to minimize downtime and maximize productivity. That is part of the reason why our broad coalition has invested so much capital in cutting-edge proprietary innovations that incorporate the latest technology, training and support for end users.

Proponents of so-called “Right to Repair” legislation are advocating unfettered access to the software that governs safety and emissions features incorporated into products sold by coalition members. Giving access to the source code will undermine manufacturers’ innovation and intellectual property rights, increase the risk of tampering that runs afoul of applicable Federal safety, security and emission requirements, and pose potential risks due to damage from modifications by untrained individuals. Modifications also create product safety and performance issues, which can lead to claims against the original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). In addition, the proposed legislation puts dealers who subsequently trade-in or refurbish modified equipment for resale, as well as subsequent owners - *who may not even know their equipment is modified* - at risk.

Our coalition members do not believe that proprietary software, developed specifically for the safe operation of equipment that meets strict government regulations, should be used to “legalize” tampering. Because of these substantial concerns, Right to Repair legislation affecting our coalition members has been rejected in every state it has been introduced. You can find more information on the website [www.illegaltampering.com](http://www.illegaltampering.com).

## COALITION MEMBERS

Associated Equipment Distributors  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Connecticut Construction Industries Association  
Deep Southern Equipment Dealers Association  
Diesel Technology Forum  
Equipment Leasing and Financing Association  
Far West Equipment Dealers Association  
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association  
International Union of Operating Engineers  
Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association  
IPC  
Latino Landscape Network  
Marine Retailers Association of the Americas  
Montana Equipment Dealers Association

National Association of Landscape Professionals  
National Marine Distributors Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
North American Equipment Dealers Association  
Northeast Equipment Dealers Association  
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute  
Outdoor Power Equipment and Engine Service Association  
Passenger Vessel Association  
Pioneer Equipment Dealers Association  
Portable Generator Manufacturers Association  
Power Tool Institute  
Professional Grounds Management Society  
PRBA - The Rechargeable Battery Association  
Truck & Engine Manufacturers Association

