



**To: Massachusetts NETSA Members:**

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**From: Stan Morin – NETSA Legislative Committee Co-Chair**

As you know by now, we are working toward passage of Right to Repair legislation, within a coalition of other professionals in the automotive repair and service industry. You also know that we have other important issues with which to contend as the legislative session moves into a critical budget debate amid declining revenues and threatened budget cuts.

Given the Legislature's focus on the budget issue and the deepening concerns over the fate of the automotive manufacturing industry, the coalition elected to reschedule our **legislative hearing until September 15, 2009** when they believe we will have greater success in getting a favorable hearing on Right to Repair and a positive vote from the Massachusetts Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

The rescheduling of the hearing until September means that we now have an extra three months to help educate legislators about why Right to Repair is critically important to our industry and to the consumers that we serve. Given the instability in the automobile manufacturing industry and continued closings of dealership service shops, consumers need a stable independent automotive repair network now more than ever. ***This is our time to pass Right to Repair, but we need YOUR help to make it happen this year!***

To that end, the Right to Repair Coalition is asking all of our members to do the following as soon as possible:

- Go to the coalition website at [www.massrighttorepair.com](http://www.massrighttorepair.com) and click on "Take Action" on the upper bar. When it directs you to another page, click on "Send an Email to Your Legislator". You will see a form pop up and if you take five minutes to fill out the form it will prompt a letter to your legislator that you can then send from your computer directly to your legislator.
- Tell the coalition what Right to Repair means to your business. Click on the "Consumer" tag on the upper bar of the [massrighttorepair.com](http://massrighttorepair.com) website and under the "What You Can Do" section click on "Share Your Story". If you have had to turn away business because you could not access a needed code, tell us in detail about that story by writing it into the space provided. We also need to know consumers who have experienced this issue, so ask them if you can include them by name in the write up.
- Help the coalition distribute postcards and other information about Right to Repair. Tell me how many postcards and bumper stickers you need and we'll get them to you.
- Sign up to attend our September 15 public hearing at the Statehouse. We can't tell the story without you, so email me at: [karstan3@comcast.net](mailto:karstan3@comcast.net) and let us know we can count you among the professionals who will attend the hearing.

Thank you. We look forward to your active and continued engagement on this issue and the passage of Right to Repair in Massachusetts.

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