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The National Automotive Trades Association of Canada (NATA) is pleased to announce it has reached an understanding with Brian Masse, MP with respect to his Private Member's Bill C-273 (Right to Repair).



NATA Executive Vice President, Dale Finch met today with Mr. Masse's Policy and Legislative Advisor and was given an opportunity to explain NATA's concerns regarding the bill. Mr. Finch was assured that NATA's concerns are understood and that Mr. Masse is open to making significant changes to the bill in committee as deemed necessary to improve its ability to protect consumer rights, to satisfy the needs of the independent repair industry while dealing with any reasonable reservations on the part of the OEMs. Mr. Finch was further assured that NATA would be invited to participate in these revisions during the committee stage.



With these assurances, NATA is now satisfied that its concerns will be addressed, allowing us to endorse this project.



NATA applauds Mr. Masse for his dedication to this issue and will be delighted to work with him and the Industry Committee to craft a bill that will serve all concerned. NATA remains committed to negotiating a voluntary agreement with the OEMs on this issue, but if that is not possible, we are supportive of, and will work for a well-crafted bill, which serves all stakeholders.