

I support this bill. I was in the power tool repair business for nearly forty years and as a repair guy, I have done as much repair as possible on my home appliances and electronics. When I was 1st in the business the number of tools one could parts for was significant. Parts for a 20 year old tool could be purchased by the owner or installed by technicians at an affordable price. I have watched this erode. Repair parts that are available are priced at a rate that makes the affordability of the repair questionable, if you can even get the part. This along with companies that won't sell parts outside their system has contributed to a throw away society. When's the last time you looked for a part for any home appliance, even a minor one such as a broken shelving part. Buy a few parts and you might as well start new. I had a situation a couple of years ago where I had a 2 year old refrigerator bought from Sears, just out of warranty. The Sears authorized repair technician came, took a guess at the problem (which indeed was the compressor) and explained the cost of a repair. The compressor was over 1/2 the cost of a new fridge and labor added another 1/4 of the cost. Want the rest of the story, give me a call.