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Dear Chairman Wicker, Ranking Member Reed, Chairman Rogers, and Ranking Member Smith:

On behalf of The American Legion and our 1.5 million dues-paying members, I strongly urge you to support including S. 2209 the *Warrior Right to Repair Act* in the fiscal year 2027 National Defense Authorization Act.

The United States Defense Industrial Base is a vital component of U.S. national security, and major defense contractors play a crucial role in our national defense. However, restrictive contract provisions that limit the sharing of intellectual property and technical data with the Department of Defense have placed significant strain on military readiness. In many cases, servicemembers are restricted from repairing their own equipment, leading to delays as it must be sent back to the United States from overseas for repair, or contractors must be flown in to perform simple fixes. Restricting servicemembers' ability to work on their own equipment often results in higher sustainment costs and the likelihood that the Department of Defense will receive an additional charge for the cost of repairs.

The American Legion strongly supports efforts to reduce maintenance delays by requiring defense contractors to provide the Department of Defense with the materials and data needed to conduct repairs. Ensuring fair and reasonable access to repair materials is essential to maintaining military readiness and operational capability, preventing servicemembers from being left without critical equipment during times of conflict. The American Legion also supports being responsive to the needs of uniformed and civilian military leadership, who have made clear through policy guidance—such as the Army Transformation Initiative—that they support the Right to Repair.

The American Legion applauds the tremendous work of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees in your continued effort to maintain a strong national defense and ensure a ready, capable, and resilient military force. We appreciate your continued leadership and support of this issue, which is important to servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

For God & Country,

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cc: Members of the Senate and House
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