



PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA RE:

# RIGHT TO REPAIR!

20,943 signatures

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To: The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne  
Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

**November 9, 2022**

Dear Minister Champagne:

I am delivering this petition to you on behalf of OpenMedia, a community-driven organization that works to keep the Internet open, affordable, and surveillance-free. We operate as a civic engagement platform to educate, engage, and empower Internet users to advance digital rights around the world.

Canadians have suffered for far too long without adequate right to repair legislation – despite widespread support for this growing movement. For years, manufacturers have been making it harder for Canadians to repair the devices we buy by making their products rapidly break down or become obsolete. This forces Canadian consumers to replace our appliances and devices more frequently, leading to an increase in costs and a massive global e-waste problem.

Our [2019](#) poll revealed that 75% of Canadians are in support of right to repair legislation. Canadians want full ownership over our devices to repair them as we see fit; especially with skyrocketing inflation, the opportunity to compare prices and choose where to get our devices repaired is more essential now than ever. The current private member's bill before the House of Commons – Bill C-244 – would allow Canadians to circumvent digital locks without explicit authorization from manufacturing giants, permitting Canadians to access necessary components to diagnose and repair their own devices.

OpenMedia's most recent petition calling on you to support Bill C-244 has been signed by over [6,811](#) **petition signers**. Today we deliver it to you alongside our previous petition calling on you to enshrine right to repair legislation, which received a further [14,132](#) signatures.

We, the undersigned, urge you to stand by Canadians; you must fulfill your duties to uphold affordability and reduce the substantial grip hold of manufacturing giants in Canada. **Please see Appendix A for our most recent petition and Appendix B for our previous petition.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

*[Original signed]*

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**Appendix A: Petition text and signatures**  
**Right to Repair: Fight for our planet and our wallets!**

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**Appendix A: Petition text and signatures. OpenMedia and 6,811 community members call on the government to commit to enshrining Right to Repair legislation.**

Petition to Minister François-Philippe Champagne and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

Yes, I call on our federal government to swiftly pass legislation in Parliament that secures our broad right to repair our devices. Companies must be required to make repair manuals, diagnostics tools, necessary software and service parts widely available at a reasonable and non-discriminatory price over a device's entire reasonable lifespan.

Sincerely,

6,811 Undersigned



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**Appendix B: Petition text and signatures**  
**Fight for Your Right to Repair**

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**Appendix B: Petition text and signatures. OpenMedia and 14,132 community members call on the government to commit to enshrining Right to Repair legislation.**

To: Minister of Innovation,

When we buy a product, whether it be a car, medical equipment, electronic device, appliance or farm equipment, we expect to have the right and ability to repair it when it breaks. But in recent years, manufacturers have been making it increasingly difficult to repair products through restrictive warranties, software locks, design features and restrictions on who can buy spare parts. This flawed business model is bad for our wallets and the planet, as replacing products more often than necessary contributes to a growing e-waste problem.

We call on you to introduce legislation in Parliament that enshrines our right to repair our own products by requiring companies to make repair manuals, diagnostics tools, necessary software and service parts available at a reasonable and non-discriminatory price.

Sincerely,  
14,132 Undersigned



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