



February 14th, 2025

Chairman Joseph Solomon and the Corporation Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Solomon,

Thank you for the opportunity to bring forward Lexmark's concerns surrounding the discussion of parts pairing legislation. The R2R (Right to Repair) movement in the United States advocates for end-customer's ability to repair and modify their own devices and equipment. R2R legislation in the United States first passed in New York in December 2022, with S.B. S4104A. Today, legislation is currently under consideration in over 34 states. The Digital Fair Repair Act was introduced with a focus on "digital electronic equipment" and providing assurances that available repair items including: tools, manuals, etc. would be available with "fair and reasonable terms."

Lexmark supports repair legislation for the customer and environmental reasons, by providing repair and service materials to a broader set of repairers. However, Lexmark cannot support the restriction of parts pairing because of ACD (anti-counterfeit deterrence- US Code - 18 USC 474A) and AT (anti-terrorism - confidential regulation)

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requirements by federal and international regulatory bodies within each imaging device. Legislation for parts pairing in scope for exclusion are print image devices: printers, copiers, mfd (multifunction devices), digital duplicators, mailing machines and professional imaging products.

Key legislators must be notified of overriding statutes and regulations for imaging devices as the R2R legislation continues to move forward. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David DeVore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "V".

David DeVore