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Dear [Name of MP]

Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulation (MV-BER 1400/2002/EC)

In Europe's independent multi-brand automotive aftermarket, 665,000 companies (predominantly small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs)), employing 3.5 million people, provide competitively priced components and services to the motorist. They are able to do this because the automotive sector has been subject to specific rules for several decades, for reasons which continue to hold true.

An EU evaluation report published earlier this year suggests that in 2010 the MV-BER should disappear, to be replaced by a patchwork of other 'general' legislation, some existing, some new and some yet to be written.

I believe that the proposals do not offer adequate protection and without MV-BER SMEs in this market will be unable to compete effectively, leading to business closures and job losses. This reduction in competition will inevitably lead to a reduction of choice and increased costs of service and repair for the motorist.

The Department for Business has responded to the evaluation report on behalf of UK Government in a way which, whilst echoing some of our concerns, failed to mention many others.

I support the aims of the Right to Repair Campaign (www.r2rc.co.uk) and trust that your support for a 'level playing field' for SMEs can be relied upon with the end result being that the repair and maintenance arena remains competitive and that motorists' freedom to chose where their vehicle is repaired is not lost.

Thank you in anticipation of your consideration and active support.

Yours sincerely,

