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The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) and the Auto Care Association should be granted an exemption allowing independent repair shops, and third party companies authorization to access and fix factoryembedded coding with the vehicle owner's permission. When software in vehicle systems (embedded or otherwise) directly interfaces vehicle hardware functions, it becomes an integral part of the system just like wires, hoses, and other mechanisms that control a vehicle. Just as a manufacturer may own a patent on a particular hardware component of a vehicle, it shouldn't preclude a 3rd party repair shop from repairing/replacing said component. Likewise, for software.

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