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Senator Howard Marklein Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 93

Thank you Mr. Chairman and thank you to the members of the Senate Committee on Insurance, Housing, and Trade for allowing me to testify on Senate Bill 93. This is a very simple bill that seeks to ensure consumers in Wisconsin have full freedom to pick and choose where they may seek repairs to their automobiles.

Senate Bill 93 prohibits an insurer from requiring, as a condition of coverage, that a consumer make repairs at specific facilities. Currently Wisconsin law makes it clear that consumers have the express ability to seek vehicle glass repair wherever they desire. This bill simply extends that certainty to any types of repair required on a consumer's vehicle.

Many states have similar laws on the books and it's good for both consumers and insurers to have clarity in our state statutes on this matter. Insurers still have the ability to suggest preferred and trusted repair facilities but this bill makes it clear in statute that the consumer has the right to pick a facility of their choice.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to testify in support of this bill, and I would welcome any questions.