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Representative Paul Holvey, Chair
House Committee on Business and Labor
900 Court St. NE, HR E
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland supports HB 2698 to allow the right to repair electronic products. Unfortunately, consumer electronic products have been designed for short term use and disposal. This legislation removes barriers to repair such as availability of repair manuals and parts for electronics, improves the local economy while significantly reducing emissions from making new electronic devices.

For many years the City of Portland has supported initiatives to help people fix their own items, find places where their items can be repaired, and have promoted the social, economic and environmental benefits of a thriving repair economy. But, these efforts are not enough to guarantee that all members of our community are able to access the resources they need to fully participate in repair activities; we need HB 2698 to help empower our community to fully participate in repair activities.

This bill takes important steps forward to:

- Promote skill building in the community;
- Create local jobs and entrepreneurship opportunities;
- Increase equitable and affordable access to technology;
- Reduce disposal of toxic materials; and
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and toxic pollution associated with producing new consumer items.

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We urge your support of HB 2698. This bill will provide Portlanders and all Oregonians much needed opportunities to learn skills, reduce waste, support repair businesses, save money and prolong the life of their electronic devices.

Thank you,

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