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Memorandum of Support for Right to Repair / Fair Repair Legislation

AscdiNatd has been the leading trade association for buyers, sellers of IT and Telecom equipment in the business to business market since 1970. Our members support the multi-billion-dollar worldwide marketplace for servers, storage, peripherals, printers and communications technology. Nearly all cloud hosts and corporate data centers have bought or sold equipment through our members.

Independent repair is essential to supporting values of used products. When repair is readily available, technology equipment carries long-term value and can remain in use for decades, long beyond the last date of support from any manufacturer. Without independent repair, costly investments in technology lose all value the moment the manufacturer stops providing support. Very solid and useful equipment is then recycled or ends up in landfills rather than remaining in productive use.

Over the past decade, many of the largest brands in the world have become worthless in the secondary market due entirely to limitations on repair and firmware access by some manufacturers. As a result of these anti-competitive policies, AscdiNatd became one of the founding members of the Digital Right to Repair Coalition in 2013.

We urge you to pass Right to Repair legislation at the earliest opportunity,

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