

02 February 2023

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

Re: Senate Bill 542

Dear Chair Senator Sollman, Vice-Chair Senator Findley and members Senators Golden, Hayden and Lieber:

On the surface this bill seems like a no-brainer and I urge the committee to move this bill forward.

That said, I am not convinced of the need to “provide that a person who suffers ascertainable loss of money or property has right to bring action to recover damages for violation of provisions of Act.”

Similar to many gun law proposals, this just creates more “criminals”.

Do our courts have enough free time to hear yet more cases. In a very real way, this bill just creates more offenders.

I think most reasonable people would agree that simply being able to obtain parts to effect repairs would be sufficient.

Why is there a need to punish manufacturers for not supplying parts?

Already, by federal law, manufacturers of what are known as “durable goods”, e.g., washing machines, kitchen ranges and the like, are only required to provide spare parts for a limited number of years. I think it is 13 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Wisner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Wisner