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Chair Marsh  
House Climate, Energy and Environment Committee  
RE: Support for HB 3220 with -2 Amendment

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Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Levy, Members of the House Climate, Energy and Environment Committee, I urge your support for the -2 amendment to HB 3220.

As you know, Oregon's E-Cycles program is an important part of dealing with electronic wastes. E-Waste is the fastest growing sector of solid waste. If not handled properly, this waste can be hazardous to public and the environment.

Until the fall of 2021, the program worked well. However, at that time we learned that the producers were projecting to over-collect in calendar year 2022. Their response was to drop several sites from the program. Many of these sites were in rural locations, where alternatives are scarce. For our service area in East and South Lincoln County, we were scheduled to go from two drop-off locations to zero locations. That would have meant losing over 57,700 pounds of electronic waste into the garbage, as most residents would not have driven out of the area to dispose of their waste properly.

Fortunately, through a tremendous effort from many parties, a compromise was worked out that restored most of the sites, along with a promise to fix the problem in the 2023 Session of the State Legislature. HB 3220 (with the -2 Amendment) is that fix. Establishing a more robust set of guidelines for the producers to follow will help to ensure that this kind of disruption won't happen again. This bill will create a more equitable, convenient and stable program throughout Oregon.

The key changes to the E-Cycles program called for in HB 3220 (with the -2 Amendment) include:

- Stabilize the program by raising the minimum number of collection sites based on population and allowing permitted solid waste facilities to join the program.
- Permitted solid waste collection facilities will have priority in the program. These established collection sites already provide safe, convenient, and accessible locations for customers to access the E-Cycles Program. The operators work closely with cities and counties to provide this public service to their local residents.



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- Existing collection sites will not be dropped from the program without first providing a plan for how the service will be provided to residents in the affected areas.
- Collection sites will be paid fairly to cover their operational costs, which include collection, storage, management and transport of covered items.

Our company is family-owned, and we employ fifty hard-working folks in Lincoln County. We are committed to providing high quality, reliable, and affordable collection services to our customers. HB 3220 (with the -2 Amendment) makes the changes this program needs to better serve all Oregonians.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zack Dahl

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