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Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Findley and Members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee, I urge your support for HB 3220A.

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

In November of 2021 we learned that there were problems with the collection goal that led to existing collection sites being dropped 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, or illegally dumped, 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 commitment to fix the problem in the 2023 Legislative Session. HB 3220A is that fix.

Eliminating the collections determination process, prioritizing existing collection sites, and new notice requirements, will create a more equitable, convenient, and stable program throughout Oregon and ensure this kind of disruption won't happen again.

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 3220A makes the changes this program needs to better serve all Oregonians.

Respectfully submitted,

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