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To Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Levy, and Members of the Oregon House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment,

At <u>Digimarc</u>, we have appreciated the opportunities to contribute to discussions with the Truth in Labeling taskforce about ways to improve recycling rates in Oregon, better educate consumers, and minimize contamination in the waste stream.

We enthusiastically support your proposed legislation, SB123A, and any other efforts that would help expedite digital labeling technologies on products and packaging sold, distributed, consumed, and recycled in Oregon. Digimarc is already contributing to several international recycling initiatives. Now, SB123A offers an opportunity for Oregon to lead in the space of product digitization to enhance recycling and could serve as a model to scale nationally here in the United States.

As a <u>product digitization</u> company based in Beaverton, we have been proud to play the role of subject matter experts to help explain how QR codes work and discuss ways the state may be able to leverage technologies to communicate local recyclability information directly to consumers. We believe these kinds of advancements are important for the environment; and, although Digimarc also stands to benefit as a business vendor capable of delivering <u>digital</u> <u>labeling solutions</u> that support the goals of this effort, we are interested in advancing the concept generally for the benefit of everyone.

We are glad to support the legislation, and willing to continue to assist in the process with technological expertise, as needed.

Thank you,

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