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RE: SB 1596 (Right to Repair)

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and Committee Members–

My name is Gregory Vanderhoof, and I am a proud resident of Senate District 20 and House District 39. I am a Maintenance Manager for multiple multifamily buildings in the Happy Valley/Clackamas area. I support SB 1596 (the right to repair). As someone who fixes and builds things for a living, we need more laws like SB 1596. It will help the local economy, create more blue-collar jobs, and encourage the growth of the repair sector. It will also save your constituents money by preventing the need to buy wholly new products that are not produced locally and contribute very minimally to our local economy. Currently, there are not enough people who know how to ‘fix’ things. Speaking personally from the maintenance sector, we are short-staffed as it is relative to the demand. Such repair and engineering knowledge should not be proprietary to the corporations that manufacture a product. While SB 1596 is limited to household electronics like smartphones, I hope to see such policy expansions to other product categories like larger appliances, farm equipment, and medical devices in the future.

Sincerely,
Gregory Vanderhoof
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