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February 8, 2024

To: Senator Janeen Sollman, Chair, Senator Lynn Findley, Vice Chair
Members of the [Senate Committee on Energy and Environment](#)

Re: [SB 1596](#) – Right to Repair – **Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) has strongly supported the “reduce, reuse, recycle” hierarchy since the 1991-1994 battle over reauthorization of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). In 2022 we added our support to the reuse of non-renewable virgin metal materials in order to reduce the mining and extraction of these minerals and to protect and conserve environmental and natural resources. Facilitating the repair of electronic devices helps meet both those goals.

SB 1596 “Requires an original equipment manufacturer to make available to an owner of consumer electronic equipment or an independent repair provider on fair and reasonable terms any documentation, tool, part or other device or implement that the original equipment manufacturer makes available to an authorized service provider for the purpose of diagnosing, maintaining or repairing consumer electronic equipment.”

We agree that extending the life of consumer electronic products is an important component of Oregon’s 2050 Vision and Framework for Action and will reduce waste, greenhouse gas emissions and raw material usage.

We agree that the burden of enforcement should lie with the Attorney General and not the consumer.

We urge your support for SB 1596.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Rebecca Gladstone
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Recycling Portfolio