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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Subject: Support for SB 1596 – Right-to-Repair

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of BRING, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting reuse, recycling, and changing perspectives on consumption. We are reaching out to express our strong support for Senate Bill 1596, the Right-to-Repair Bill, which is set to be considered during the 2024 legislative session.

As an organization deeply committed to conserving natural resources and reducing waste, we commend the efforts to establish comprehensive right-to-repair legislation in Oregon. It is heartening to see the state take the lead in this initiative, especially considering the significant impact that electronic waste has on our environment.

We acknowledge the strides made in previous attempts to introduce similar bills, including House Bill 2688 in 2019 and Senate Bill 542 in 2023. The continuous dedication to advancing this cause demonstrates a commitment to fostering a more sustainable and consumer-friendly environment within the state.

We appreciate the inclusive approach taken in drafting SB 1596, involving various stakeholders such as tech companies, small repair businesses, environmental leaders, and legislators. This collaborative effort, exemplified by the support of tech giant Google, demonstrates a balanced and comprehensive approach to address concerns while championing the repair movement.

We are cognizant of the opposition expressed by some groups, such as the Repair Done Right Coalition, which has testified against similar bills in different states. However, we firmly believe that a well-crafted right-to-repair bill, such as SB 1596, can strike a harmonious balance between consumer rights, environmental sustainability, and privacy considerations.

Fixing high-impact devices, instead of burying immensely valuable materials in landfills, aligns with our mission at BRING, and we believe that SB 1596 presents an opportunity for Oregon consumers to save money, reduce electronic waste, and foster a more sustainable and environmentally conscious community.

We urge the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment to support SB 1596 during the upcoming legislative session, recognizing its potential to position Oregon as a national leader in advocating for the right to repair.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact that this legislation can have on our community and the environment.

Sincerely,



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