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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Testimony in Support of SB 1596

February 8, 2024

Chair Sollman and members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

I write in strong support of SB1596. Oregon consumers should be able to repair phones, laptops, and other devices affordably and in ways that reduce waste. **With SB 1596, we have the opportunity to support both our economy and our environment.** We must take steps to ensure that policies do not support single-use, throw-away culture when it comes to e-waste.

SB 1596 will keep countless devices out of landfills, remove pressure on consumers to purchase costly/new devices, and reduce planned obsolescence. More Oregonians repairing existing electronics can mitigate the environmental impact of electronics manufacturing by **extending the life of electronic products**. SB1596 will **reduce hazardous electronic waste** and have positive impacts on consumer pocketbooks and local businesses.

When electronic manufacturers control the marketplace by limiting tools, parts, and information, it is hard for consumers and local repair shops to do simple and affordable fixes. **This bill gives consumers and repair specialists the right to access tools, parts, and information needed to repair their electronic products.** Having the "Right to Repair" will allow Oregonians to reuse devices, save money, and support local businesses.

Electronic devices are increasingly important fixtures of modern life. They keep us connected to our families, friends, education, and jobs. We use them for necessities and conveniences. **Fixing these devices instead of filling our landfills could save Oregon consumers hundreds of dollars a year.** And in a time when many Oregonians struggle to stretch their dollars each month, this Right to Repair legislation is the right thing to do.

This is a common sense bill that supports the efficient use of resources through product life extension. Thank you for your consideration. I urge your support and passage of HB 4154.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtney Neron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Courtney Neron
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