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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB1596

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

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RE: Senate Bill 1596, Relating to Right to Repair

Dear Chair Sollman and Members of the Energy and Environment Committee,

I write in support of SB 1596. I have been a recycling and pollution prevention activist since the 1970s when I worked in Washington state trying to get their legislature to pass a bottle bill as Oregon had just done,

Oregon is known for leading the way. This bill is of great importance to Oregon where many computers and other electronic equipment are manufactured. The electronics industry should be do its part to promote sustainability by enabling consumers to repair their own electronic equipment - either by getting the parts and doing it themselves or by taking it to a nearby repair shop that is equipped with proper parts, technical documents, and specialty tools needed to fix the customer's equipment in a timely way.

"Reuse and repair" is better than "Recycling" because it results in higher environmental and economic benefits by extending the life of consumer products. Recycling - though good - creates pollution because it involves destroying a product and creating large amounts of electronic waste.

Reducing costs for consumers is important because -everyone - rich and poor - depends on electronic devices of different kinds. Also of social and economic importance is how SB 1596 will promote the creation and success of small businesses that offer repair services.

Please adopt SB 1596 this year. Your action will contribute to Oregon's reputation as a state that leads the nation in conserving resources and protecting the environment.

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