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Like many Oregonians, I am extremely concerned about the state of the environment and the rising cost of living. Nowadays, many electronics are made needlessly difficult to repair, which forces consumers to buy new replacement electronics instead of repairing what they own. As more and more manufacturers adopt these unfair practices, Oregonians have to spend more money to replace devices as they break. Additionally, having to discard potentially repairable items creates unnecessary E-waste. In order to protect both consumers and the environment, we need to reform these practices.

Through SB 1596, we can take a strong step towards a brighter future. By forcing manufacturers to make tools, documentation, and parts available, it will allow Oregonians to save both money and reduce their climate impact. Right to repair gives citizens more control over the products they purchase. Passing this bill will show how Oregon is committed to being a leader in environmental action and make living more affordable. I urge you to pass Senate Bill 1596 this session.

Thank you for your consideration.