

Below is a link to the video testimony of Kelsey Hargrove of Klamath Falls submitted in support of SB 549, which she also submits in support of SB 550:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/FABIGxkjt10>

Here is a transcript of her testimony:

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Bill 549 Right to Repair.

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My name is Kelsey

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Hargrove and I live in Klamath Falls.

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I live at home with my family.

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I go to work at Burger King,  
where I'm a greeter.

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I also speak at schools day  
conferences about advocacy

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and breaking barriers  
for the disabled community.

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I use assistive technology, including  
an electric wheelchair and a wheelchair.

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I with my electric wheelchair,

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I can independently  
get ready in the morning, do my exercises.

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I enjoy hobbies like dancing.

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Get into my accessible

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van on my own and move around  
to great people at work as I wish.

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After work, I can browse T.J.

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Maxx or to go to the movies and choose  
where I want to view the movie,

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or go to lunch with my friends.

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My wheelchair

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is designed to fit me  
and hold my body in alignment

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so that I can reach my eye to communicate  
or drink my coffee.

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When I do not have an electric wheelchair  
that I can control,

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I lose my independence  
and become dependent on my family

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to assist with my basic routines  
and needs.

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I have to use a stroller wheelchair,  
which is a manual wheelchair

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that someone pushes  
that is designed for short term use.

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I am unable to move at work  
unless someone else makes me at home.

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I cannot really get her out of my house  
and must depend on my family

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to get from point A to B.

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This makes me feel sad and upset.

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My family's work  
and health is also affected.

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When the battery in my chair stopped  
working

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last year, I can't hold out for six months  
because of the time

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I had to wait to get a new one.

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I lost my independence at home  
and in the community.

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I developed pain in my name  
because I cannot be positioned

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correctly in a stroller wheelchair.

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I had to go to the chiropractor  
frequently.

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We could not purchase a new battery.

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I need it easily and install it ourselves  
because it would disqualify

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any from the wheelchair upgrades.

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I need

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it should be simple to get a new battery

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and to not have to worry about it  
affecting me or

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getting a new chair when I need one.

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Thank you.