



Date: February 21, 2022

To: Chair Smith Warner, Vice Chair Breese-Iverson, Vice Chair Fahey, and Members of the House Rules Committee

From: Julie Jackson, Republic Services

Re: **Support House Bill 4158**

As a company that is dedicated to the environment, Republic Services is concerned with the impact from electronic waste for which there is no convenient drop off location.

HB 4158 allows DEQ to change the projected goal of materials estimated to come into the program in 2022. This action will retain existing collection sites that will otherwise be dropped from the program on March 1, 2022.

- While Republic Services sites have not been dropped from the program, material going to these dropped programs must go somewhere.
- As collectors, we know that convenience is key in helping consumers to dispose of material in the best and most responsible way.
- Fewer collection sites will not change the customer demand and volume of materials needing to be recycled—these materials will need to go somewhere.
- Our operations and those of smaller collectors do not have the physical space or labor support to accept e-waste from other locations.
- Consumers have already paid for this program at the point of purchase when they buy a covered electronic item.
- The hazardous material in e-waste is not allowed and should not be included in containers headed for landfills but we fear that this is exactly what will happen.
- Worse still is the possibility of these materials being dumped in the woods or near waterways.
- Thank you for your consideration.
- **I urge your support for HB 4158**