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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB542

Re: House Bill 542 – Right to Repair

On behalf of McMinnville's citizens and consumers, we are writing to encourage the Oregon House to consider passing House Bill 542 – A right-to-repair law. Almost half the nation is currently providing this regulation for its consumers. It is time Oregon also passes this legislation.

Zero Waste McMinnville, a McMinnville non-profit conducting policy, practice, and education, advancing McMinnville to become a Zero Waste city, has long advocated repairing and re-using appliances, electronic equipment, phones, and auto/farm equipment for the benefit of reducing our waste. But the repair monopoly often makes this impossible for the consumer. This Bill would require manufacturers to consider the environment and consumers when designing their products. This law would also help our organization when urging our community to take responsibility for their waste.

Please join much of the rest of the country in legislating this worthy new law which will greatly reduce the waste we are forced to throw away for lack of proper recycling and reuse options because Oregon currently does not have a right-to-repair law.

Thank you for considering this written testimony when debating this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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