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Dear Senators Sollman, Dembrow, Golden and Representative Dexter, and other sponsors,

Thank you for sponsoring this bill. Our society produces far too much waste, and we need to be working towards a zero-waste system. Currently, industries are incentivized to make products that will break as soon as they can get away with it so that people have to buy new products to replace them. A recent example for me was my top-of-the-line Samsung S9 cell phone that I bought in 2018. The screen began to malfunction after just 4 years, which to Samsung made it too old and obsolete to be worth anything, let alone fixing. I had to buy a new phone, and I chose a Samsung S22 last year. It has a better camera, but that's about it. It heats up easily, has less features than my previous phone, and I had to pay even more for it than the S9, plus pay for new accessories like earbuds, since all my old accessories were also incompatible. To this day, I'd still rather have my former phone.

I fully support this bill, and I hope you will make further efforts to rein in the corporate greed that leaves consumers paying higher prices for lower quality products.