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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1596

Chair Sollman and Members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee

Re: SB 1596

I strongly support and appreciate this bill. While we can recycle electronics now in Oregon, repair and reuse have an even greater benefit to the environment, to our pocketbooks, and helps support/create small businesses.

Repair and reuse conserves natural resources; reduces pollution from manufacturing and transportation, and conserves energy. It also means less mining, less exposure to toxic materials, less waste to transport and dispose. All this supports our need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, a healthier environment and lifestyle, and Oregon's climate goals.

Being able to repair and reuse electronics can save consumers a lot of money, especially lower income individuals, who already face challenges providing for basic needs.

Repair and reuse would also support more small businesses, and provide job opportunities.

Additionally, I support amendments which help to identify any loopholes that may exist, thereby strengthening this bill.

This bill would benefit many fellow Oregonians. I urge you to pass SB 1596

Thank you.