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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1596

Chair Sollman. Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the committee:

I am John E. Bartley, III, Democratic Party of Washington County Precinct 423 committeeperson, and a retired IT technician, with forty years of electronics and computing industry experience, and also a licensed radio operator, with several classes of federal radio licenses in my name.

Please pass this bill out of committee without the restrictions proposed by Apple and any other manufacturer.

Presently, Oregon and the nation have a significant electronics waste problem which a right to repair would help reduce.

We've seen with farmers and other professions that manufacturers act in multiple ways to restrict information and access to repair parts, and the impact on our economy is harmful.

Restricting the right to information and the access to parts results in more e-waste, sometimes toxic, which results in an environmental burden on Oregonians.

When I was young, it was easy to obtain parts and repair data for televisions, radios, and computing equipment. Now, it can be very difficult if not impossible. The computer I am writing this request on has no consumer-available repair documentation, and when it fails, not only will I lose whatever wasn't backed up, but it must be thrown on a junk pile.

SB1596 is a good positive move to assuring the reduction of e-waste and the betterment of the public interest. I urge it be passed out of committee as is.