



February 10, 2024

RE: SB1596, the Right to Repair Act

Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Findley, Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment:

I'm writing today on behalf of Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) in strong support of SB 1596, the Right to Repair Act. COIN is a coalition of over 50 Indivisible groups in Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance federal and state legislation and engage with their elected officials to promote progressive causes.

COIN endorsed this legislation in 2023 and we were disappointed that it didn't pass. We urge you to do whatever it takes to pass it this year. The right to repair electronic equipment will benefit all Oregonians and our environment. We see this as a win-win-win bill: making repairs more accessible and affordable to consumers, keeping electronic waste (with its toxic heavy metals) out of our landfills, and reducing the need for a shrinking supply of raw materials.

Further, we urge you to consider expanding this type of legislation to home appliances, farm equipment, medical equipment, and more in the 2025 session.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for this important legislation.

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