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Please vote yes on the Right to Repair Act. It is a sensible bill that will provide a path for reducing electronic waste. Mandating that companies give information to repair shops to enable them to repair computers and cell phones will reduce the costs of repair and prevent countless individuals from throwing away their electronics. E-waste is a growing ecological disaster. The metals in many of the electronics are toxic. Much of our e-waste is exported to developing countries where children dangerously pick through trash to find valuable parts to return for money. In the process, the children are exposed to toxins and carcinogens. The dump sites become areas where toxic metal effluent is introduced into the environment, sometimes even into the drinking water. We can make giant strides in solving this problem by making it easier for citizens to repair their electronics, rather than throw them away. It is economically better for our citizens and it is ecologically better for the world.