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Hon. Chip Curry, Senate Chair
Hon. Traci Gere, House Chair
Committee on Housing and Economic Development
100 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: LD 1908, *An Act to Require the Cooperation of Original Manufacturers of Electronic Devices to Facilitate the Repair of Those Devices by Device Owners and Independent Repair Providers*

Greetings, Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and distinguished members of the Committee on Housing and Economic Development:

I write today in support of LD 1908, *An Act to Require the Cooperation of Original Manufacturers of Electronic Devices to Facilitate the Repair of Those Devices by Device Owners and Independent Repair Providers* that would expand access to device repair and keep such services affordable by encouraging competition.

Consumers and businesses are increasingly reliant on digital electronic devices for their everyday needs. This reliance makes it crucial that device owners can repair their devices efficiently and at a reasonable cost. However, some device manufacturers are limiting the repair market by restricting access to parts, tools, and information needed to diagnose and repair devices, even after they have been sold. This is bad for both consumers and businesses. Such limitations increase the cost of repairs for device owners, reduce the number of independent small businesses who would otherwise provide repair services, and disincentivize thoughtful design choices by manufacturers. For consumers and businesses in rural areas, manufacturer restrictions may effectively mean that it is cheaper to simply buy a new device rather than send it away for repair. Electronic device repair markets should protect competition with manufacturers and independent repair shops and drive down prices for repair services.

LD 1908 aims to ensure this free and fair market by preventing manufacturers from exercising exclusive control of the parts, tools, and information needed to diagnose and repair devices after they are sold. LD 1908 also prohibits "parts pairing," a method employed by

manufacturers to require authorized proprietary components for a device to function properly. Through these provisions, LD 1908 promotes competition between manufacturers and independent repair shops, as well as device owners themselves. Importantly, LD 1908 does not limit manufacturers' ability to offer diagnostic and repair services but requires them to compete on the same level as others without the benefit of artificial and unilateral restrictions on access they may otherwise impose.

Several states, including California, Colorado, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Texas, and Washington, have enacted right-to-repair legislation for electronic devices with large bipartisan majorities. It is time for Maine to join with those other states in protecting consumers and businesses and enact its own right-to-repair law for electronic devices. I therefore urge you to vote Ought To Pass on LD 1908.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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