

House Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair 559 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St Paul, MN 55155

Re: H.F. 1156, Digital Fair Repair Act

Dear Chair Becker-Finn,

We appreciate the opportunity to express support for H.F. 1156, the Digital Fair Repair Act introduced by Rep. Fischer. We also support the Attorney General in enforcing the legislation.

Nonprofit and social enterprise electronics recyclers, such Tech Dump/Tech Discounts, exist to keep toxic materials out of landfills and to provide a social good by creating jobs for people with significant barriers to employment.

The scale of our impact is directly related to our ability to repair non-working electronics. Having the option to purchase parts, manuals, and software updates increases our ability to sell refurbished items.

In doing so, we:

- provide valuable skills training to people in need of work;
- extend the life of devices that are too often discarded improperly;
- and are able to offer low-cost technology to local small businesses, schools, and nonprofits.

We encourage the Chair and the committee to act favorably on H.F. 1156 and give equipment and device owners the ability to repair their own property or select an independent repair shop to do so.

Thanks,

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