



February 17, 2021

**Support Your
Right to Repair**

[This message is modified from the original OSPIRG email message](#)

While OSPIRG is promoting the environmental aspects of this issue, it also is a consumer rights issue and touches on issues of world wide conflict, possibly even war. See more on the OR UU voices for Justice

"Right To Repair" webpage: <https://tinyurl.com/vs4gr3y4>

=====

When we can't fix our electronics, we have to buy new things, which is expensive and wasteful.

Oregonians discard approximately 4,800 cell phones every day, and we estimate that fixing household electronics and appliances instead of buying new ones could collectively save Oregon households \$544 million each year.

That's why we're working to pass Right to Repair legislation in Salem that would give consumers and repair shops what they need to repair their devices.³

Tell your state legislators that we should be able to fix our stuff. (<https://tinyurl.com/1bfhf5tm>)

You buy stuff. It breaks or doesn't work right. You could throw it away and buy new stuff, but you'd rather repair it -- you don't want to be wasteful.

But then you find out you can't do it yourself; you can't even bring it to a third party repair shop.

You have to bring it back to the original company, which can charge an arm and a leg because there's no competition -- and sometimes they just won't fix it. So you decide to throw the thing away. Which means more waste going into landfills, and more cost to consumers.

That's why we need Right to Repair laws. They require companies to make the parts, tools, schematics and diagnostics needed for repair available to the public and independent repair shops on reasonable terms.

We need your voice. Urge your state representative and senator to support the Right to Repair:
<https://tinyurl.com/1bfhf5tm>

Together, we can reduce waste, cut climate pollution, and help bridge the digital divide by making it easier to fix our stuff.