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To: Kayla Dewey; Michael Sirotkin; Alison Clarkson; Philip Baruth; Becca Balint; David Soucy

Subject: S. 180 Fair Repair Act

To the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Housing Affairs,

I'm writing to ask you to support Right to Repair legislation in 2018: the **Fair Repair Act (Bill S. 180)**. Right to Repair bills have already been passed in 17 states. As a citizen of Poultney in Rutland County, I encourage you to take up this bill as a priority for review in your committee.

S. 180 will lead to everyday consumers like us saving money on electronics that are created with planned obsolescence. Within the bill itself, I recommend clarifying the requirements for motor vehicle manufacturers (which are nonexistent) to adhere to the fair repair act as far as electronics in vehicles go, but not in mechanical parts. As we all know, electronics can create havoc in a vehicle more than the mechanics sometimes!

Working at the Rutland Regional Transfer station, I see every day how perfectly usable items (particularly electronics) go to waste, even if they could be easily fixed. ***For the sake of our economy, health and well-being, and the environment, please review S. 180 as a priority bill for this legislative session.***

Warm regards,

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** I include my pronouns in my email signature because I recognize that if we are going to change a culture that assumes gender, and if I am going to be a part of that change, it is one small thing I can do in solidarity with those who do not conform to the idea of a gender binary. For more information on gender identity and a number of related topics, I invite you to read [this article](#) and others on the hosting website.*