



State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

March 10, 2026

Representative Joseph Solomon
Chair, House Committee on Corporations
82 Smith St, Room 101
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Letter of Support for HB7180: An Act Relating To Commercial Law--General Regulatory Provisions --
Digital Electronics Right To Repair Act

Dear Representative Solomon:

I write to you in support for each HB7180: An Act Relating To Commercial Law--General Regulatory Provisions
-- Digital Electronics Right To Repair Act.

Presently, consumers in need of repairs for their electronic devices are reliant on the services offered through the manufacturer, leaving them unprotected from the whims of the major corporations who sold them their device. This bill establishes a right to repair for digital electronics, which allows for digital electronic equipment and parts that are sold in this state on or after January 1, 2027, to be repaired at an independent repair provider.

Rhode Islanders deserve agency and autonomy to make the appropriate financial decisions regarding their consumer goods. A digital right to repair allows them to make responsible, informed decisions. Furthermore, small businesses in Rhode Island with the capacity and capability to make repairs deserve the opportunity to offer this service free from the fears of legal action taken on by major technological corporations.

For these reasons and many more, I urge you to favorably vote this bill out of committee.

Sincerely,

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CC: Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith



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