



Minnesota Solid Waste Administrators Association | 125 Charles Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103-2108 | www.mn-swaa.org

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Re: Support of HF1337/SF1598 Digital Fair Repair Act.

Dear Senator Latz and Representative Becker-Finn, Chairs, Senate and House Judiciary Committees:

The Minnesota Solid Waste Administrators Association (SWAA) is an organization of county and solid waste district professionals and affiliated waste specialists and is an affiliate of the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), which represents all 87 Minnesota counties. SWAA advocates for policies and funding that improve and promote responsible waste management and reduce environmental impacts of solid waste, as directed by the 1997 Waste Management Act, or Chapter 115A of Mn Statutes.

SWAA supports SF1598/HF1337, the Digital Fair Repair bill, and believes that the inclusion of enforcement authority through the Attorney General's office is important for compliance and success.

Our members manage electronic "waste" through collecting, dismantling, and transporting electronic devices to recyclers for further processing. HF1337 allows owners of digital electronics to have their devices repaired, or the parts salvaged for the repair of other devices. Allowing Minnesotans the ability to repair electronic devices will reduce the amount of waste we must manage and prevent recycling and disposal costs from being incurred.

Repairing and reusing more products is an important step on the road to reducing the expense of waste management, which is shouldered by local governments across the state. Without the enforcement tools included in this legislation, we will fall short of the goals it can achieve.

Sincerely,

Anne Morse, Executive Director
Solid Waste Administrators Association