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### **Eggman Introduces Legislation to Create a “Right to Repair” for Electronics**

SACRAMENTO—Assemblymember Susan Talamantes Eggman (D-Stockton) has introduced legislation to establish the Right to Repair in California. Assembly Bill 1163 will require manufacturers of electronics making an express warranty to make service literature and equipment or parts available to product owners and to regulated, independent repair shops.

“For nearly 30 years California has required that manufacturers provide access to replacement parts and service materials for electronics and appliances to authorized repairers in the state. In that time, manufacturers have captured the market, controlling where and when we repair our property, and inflating the electronic waste stream,” Eggman said. “The Right to Repair will provide consumers with the freedom to have their electronic products and appliances fixed by a repair shop or service provider of their choice, creating a competitive market that will be cheaper for consumers and reduce the number of devices thrown in the trash.”

People who can’t afford the high price of manufacturer-based repair services are increasingly forced to prematurely replace durable goods, such as phones, TVs, and appliances. Repairing and reusing electronics is not only a more efficient use of the scarce materials that go into manufacturing the products, but it can also stimulate local economies instead of overseas factories.

“People shouldn’t be forced to ‘upgrade’ to the newest model every time a replaceable part on their smartphone or home appliance breaks,” said Mark Murray, Executive Director of Californians Against Waste. “These companies are profiting at the expense of our environment and our pocketbooks as we become a throw-away society that discards over 6 million tons of electronics every year.”

Ernesto Falcon, Legislative Counsel with the Electronic Frontier Foundation said, "The bill is critical to protect independent repair shops and a competitive market for repair, which means better service and lower prices. It also helps preserve the right of individual device owners to understand and fix their own property.”

"Companies love when we buy and toss, and buy new at the greatest possible speed, but it's expensive for consumers and the waste is piling up," said Emily Rusch, Executive Director for

CALPIRG. "Electronic waste is now the fastest growing part of the waste stream. This bill will help California fix our way out of this mess."

"In today's world, electronic devices are an essential part of our lives, but they can be expensive and almost impossible to easily repair. When a device stops working, you should be able to get it fixed by a servicer you choose, or fix it yourself," said Maureen Mahoney of Consumer Reports. "You shouldn't be forced to hand it over to the manufacturer and pay whatever it demands, or just throw it away and replace it. We commend Assemblymember Eggman for her leadership in ensuring consumers' right to repair, and look forward to working with her to improve consumer choice in the marketplace."

California joins 19 other states who have introduced similar legislation this year, which includes: Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.

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