



September 28, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
State Capitol
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Center for Democracy & Technology (CDT) urges you to sign into law Senate Bill 244, The Right to Repair Act.

This important legislation affirms the right of consumers to get their electronics-enabled devices repaired by the repair service provider of their choosing. The right to choose where and how to get repairs done has belonged to product owners for ages; it is a fundamental incident of ownership. Providing this right to consumers also promotes competition and opportunities for small independent businesses. And it reduces waste by enabling more products to be repaired rather than tossed into the trash.

In essence, SB 244 requires the manufacturer to make available all repair parts, tools, and diagnostic information, for a specified number of years, and to make them available to owners and independent repair shops on terms equivalent to the terms offered to the manufacturer's authorized repair service providers and its in-house factory repair operations.

CDT strongly supports the right to repair, and we are very pleased to see SB 244 reach your desk. By giving consumers the power of choice that competition creates, it will help make repair more affordable and more convenient for all Californians.

Respectfully,

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