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Letter of Support for S.B. No. 73, Digital Fair Repair Act in Ohio and House Bill 301, Enact the Digital Fair Repair Act

Dear Chair Claggett, Vice Chair Workman, Ranking Member Mohamed, and the Honorable Members of the Technology and Innovation Committee,

I am writing to express Google's strong support for S.B. No. 73, Ohio's Digital Fair Repair Act and House Bill 301, Enact the Digital Fair Repair Act. Given the bill's focus on empowering consumers and small businesses, along with its support of sustainability through e-waste reduction, we believe this legislation is a crucial step forward for the residents and economy of Ohio.

We strongly support initiatives that provide users with greater choice over the repair of their devices, that protect user safety and privacy, and that provide manufacturers with flexibility to drive innovation and to meet users' evolving needs. We believe that users should have more control over repair, including access to the same documentation, parts, and tools that original equipment manufacturer (OEM) repair channels have.

Common sense Right to Repair legislation, like S.B. No. 73 and H.B. 301, increases consumer choice in repair options, lowers repair costs, supports small businesses and local repairers, and helps to protect the environment by extending the lifespan of devices and reducing electronic waste. We are particularly supportive of the bill's measure to prohibit 'parts pairing,' a practice where manufacturers inhibit the functionality of third-party replacement parts to the detriment of consumers and independent repair providers.

Google is committed to making repair more accessible. We have partnered with iFixit to provide genuine Pixel parts, tools, and repair guides to the public and have redesigned our repair manuals and offer an on-device Diagnostic App. Most recently, we just launched the industry's most repairable smart watch, Pixel Watch 4. We believe these efforts align with the goals of your legislation to empower consumers and support a robust repair ecosystem.

Ohio has a significant opportunity to lead the way in promoting consumer rights and environmental sustainability by passing strong right to repair legislation, along with other pioneers, including Oregon, Colorado, Washington, and Texas, all of whom have recently passed similar legislation with bipartisan support.

We commend your efforts on this important issue and offer our support as you move forward.

Respectfully,

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