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House Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland General Assembly
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SUPPORT – HB 992, Electronic Device Producer Responsibility Program

Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 992, which would establish an Electronic Device Producer Responsibility Program to replace Maryland’s current electronics recycling law with an extended producer responsibility (EPR) approach.

Maryland’s current electronics program, known as the Electronics Recycling Health and Safety Modernization Act, passed into law in 2005 as a pilot program for computer recycling. In 2007, the program was made permanent and expanded to cover more electronic devices. The program is managed by the Maryland Department of Environment and funded by covered electronic device manufacturers.

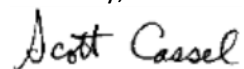
HB 992 aligns with best practices across other EPR electronics programs and includes:

- Convenience standards to ensure equal statewide access to electronics collection sites.
- Performance goals for collection and public awareness of the program.
- Education and outreach requirements to ensure that residents know where, how, and when they can drop off electronics for proper management.
- Expanded coverage of products to include tablets, personal digital assistant devices, monitors, televisions, DVD and VCR devices, small servers, and peripherals (e.g., mouse, keyboard, printers, scanners).
- Allows for a central coordinating body or clearinghouse to ensure program obligations are met and to coordinate reporting if multiple producer organizations are approved by the state.
- Funding mechanism that requires manufacturers to collection, transportation, processing, education and outreach, and government oversight.

PSI is a national policy expert and consulting nonprofit that pioneered product stewardship in the United States. Since 2000, PSI facilitated dialogues, research, pilot projects, and policy development have helped shape more than 146 EPR laws across 21 product categories.

I respectfully urge you to **support HB 992** for the financial and environmental health of Maryland's communities and economy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (617) 513-3954, or Scott@ProductStewardship.US.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Cassel". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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