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HB 258

To the House Committee on Taxation:

I would like to write in favor of HB 258, a bill creating a tax credit for recycling electronic waste. My company, Palmer Electronic Technology Energy Services, Inc., began collecting florescent lamps for recycling and reprocessing ten years ago. Five years ago, Palmer Electronics expanded its program to include electronic waste—mostly computers, monitors, and televisions. Last year, we processed \$26,935.72 of recycling, \$6,228.80 was uniquely electronics waste.

Used and obsolete computer equipment contains many valuable resources—such as copper, silver, and gold—that are economically viable for recycling and reuse. For example, the plastic shell of the monitor is sent to a reprocessing plant where it is palletized and made into recycled plastic feedstock. The CRT is sent to a secondary smelter where it is processed and made available for reuse in new monitors. Palmer's de-manufacturing process breaks down electronics into their component parts: leaded glass, precious and non-precious metals, plastics, circuit boards, motors, and so forth, making the residuals available to recyclers both locally and nationally.

This program is offered at-cost, where our costs of separating electronics into components—some of which are toxic—are passed along to the consumer, who pays a per-unit charge for recycling services. One of the biggest challenges facing electronic recycling today is the high cost to consumers of proper disposal of this waste. HB 258 is an ideal way to offset this cost, making it feasible for customers to submit their electronics for reprocessing, which allows us to reuse materials, and keep hazardous materials out of the environment.

We began the program of electronics recycling because we saw a need in our community for an e-waste outlet. This need in our community will grow in the future as more and more electronics are produced and as more computers become obsolete. HB 258 provides an excellent way to ensure proper disposal and reuse of materials on a statewide level.

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