

Consumer Electronics Retailers Coalition



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The Honorable Bart Gordon
Chairman
Committee on Science and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
2310 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Gordon:

On behalf of The Consumer Electronics Retailers Coalition (CERC), I extend my appreciation for your efforts to reach out to the consumer electronics industry seeking advice on research on the science of managing electronic waste.

CERC is a public policy organization consisting of the major retailers of consumer electronics and major retail trade associations. Combined our members have stores and an on-line presence in all 50 states, have thousands of outlets and employ millions of Americans.

All of our retail members are committed to the health, safety and satisfaction of their customers and environmental stewardship. On behalf of CERC, I am pleased to express our organization's support for the Electronic Waste Research and Development Act discussion draft.

A strong research agenda can help manufacturers, retailers and consumers make sound, science based decisions about product choice and recycling. We believe that research can also help drive down the costs of recycling.

We are hopeful that your legislation will expand the dialog on enacting a comprehensive, national approach to electronics recycling. As you know, the proliferation of state specific e-waste legislation is creating a patchwork of laws which have and will continue to impose unnecessary costs on consumers, manufacturers and retailers.

We look forward to working with you and the Committee on these important issues. If we can be of any assistance to you or the Committee on consumer electronic retail issues, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

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