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Memorandum of Support for Right to Repair Legislation

System76 is a Denver, Colorado company producing an operating system and manufacturing Linux laptops, desktops and servers. Besides an Apple factory in Texas, System76 is the only other manufacturer with a factory producing computers in the United States.

System76's operating system and internally-developed hardware designs are open source. We advocate for the customer freedom to learn from, modify, and extend the work we produce by providing copyleft-licensed source code, design files, and documentation.

The Right to Repair is a fundamental attribute necessary for the advancement of technology through the process of learning from, repairing, and modifying products the customer owns. Evidence of the impact of this attribute is apparent in the dominance of open source software used in computer science fields. Furthermore, the Right to Repair reduces electronics industry waste by enabling customers to extend the useful life of their products.

We urge you to pass Right to Repair legislation as soon as possible in 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl Richell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carl Richell  
CEO, System76, Inc.