

Dear Representative,

I am writing to you in support of H.R. 2791 the “The Responsible Electronics Recycling Act (RERA) of 2013,” which prohibits the export of certain electronic waste from the United States. This legislation will promote sustainability, create green jobs, and ensure that the United States is responsibly handling the growing amount of electronic waste that is being consumed within our borders. As your constituent, I urge you to co-sponsor this bi-partisan legislation.

Discarded computers, TVs, phones and other consumer electronics – commonly referred to as electronic waste or “e-waste” – now comprise the fastest growing waste stream in the U.S. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that the U.S. generates more than 3.4 million tons of e-waste a year. Improperly disposing of this material creates environmental, health, and national security risks.

RERA of 2013 ensures that e-waste generated in the United States is not ‘dumped’ on developing countries lacking the infrastructure to recycle the material in a non-harmful method. The serious impact on public health and the environment is at risk if we continue to export e-waste with known toxins to developing countries.

RERA will also create domestic green jobs. According to a study commissioned by the Coalition for American Electronics Recycling, restricting e-waste exports could create up to 42,000 direct jobs and indirect new jobs with a total payroll of more than \$1 billion.

In conclusion, RERA is a win-win for the economy and the environment. It will create good-paying recycling jobs here in the U.S., while taking concrete steps to address a growing environmental and health crisis. Please support this legislation.

Sincerely,