



## Statement from LGBT Tech on Washington H.B. 1483

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Entrusting devices to repair technicians requires an unavoidable level of trust concerning the privacy and security of sensitive personal information. This trust is particularly critical for LGBTQ+ individuals, whose devices may contain deeply personal details related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and community connections. Unauthorized access to this data can lead to serious consequences, including discrimination, harassment, and forced outing.

As Washington legislators consider H.B.1483, which broadens access to third-party repair services under the "right to repair" framework, we underscore the need to embed strong consumer protection standards within this legislation. Privacy and data security must remain a top priority, with clear guidelines ensuring that repair providers access only the information necessary for the repair at hand.

LGBT Tech encourages Washington lawmakers to carefully balance increased access to affordable repair services with robust privacy and security protections, particularly for communities vulnerable to digital privacy risks. Transparency and accountability measures are essential to prevent misuse of consumer data, which is vital for the safety and well-being of marginalized populations.

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**We commend the Washington legislature for their efforts in this space, and encourage these legislators to carefully balance increased access to affordable repair services with robust privacy and security protections so that all Washingtonians, including LGBTQ+ Washingtonians, can benefit from these new rights without compromising their personal security.**