



Colorado State Capitol
200 East Colfax, Room 307
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Senator:

Consumer Reports urges you to vote no on SB 26-090 and retain the right to repair for Colorado's citizens. The bill seeks to exempt information technology equipment that is intended to be used in critical infrastructure from the state's existing right to repair law passed in 2024. Consumer Reports supported that law, and believes this bill would weaken it substantially to the detriment of Colorado's consumers and the state's overall resiliency.

Consumer Reports sees two clear problems with SB 26-090. First, is that the bill uses an older definition in federal law to define critical infrastructure too broadly. This definition means that if a particular product is used in anything deemed critical infrastructure, it could be exempt from repair in Colorado. However, the government, power plants, telecommunications firms, data centers and other critical infrastructure providers buy plenty of technology also intended for consumers such as laptops, servers, and networking equipment. Under the bill, consumers who own a laptop also owned by employees at the government agency or municipal water plant could find themselves unable to repair it.

Second, exempting critical IT infrastructure from the right to repair poses additional risks for the resilience of Colorado's critical infrastructure. When exempt equipment breaks down, those operating such critical infrastructure will have to wait for authorized repair personnel and parts, which could take much longer than repairing it themselves. Critical infrastructure is by definition, critical, and wait times for repair can impact operations. For example, replacing a failed hard drive on a server running essential software in a rural water treatment facility should be simple, but without easy access to parts or the ability to replace the hard drive without special tools or software creates a bottleneck that could have ramifications across an entire community.

Consumer Reports urges you to vote no on SB 26-090 which could substantially reduce the number of consumer devices consumers could repair under Colorado's existing right to repair laws and introduce bottlenecks to repair of critical infrastructure, especially in rural areas of the state. Thank you for your time.

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