



# COALITION FOR AMERICAN ElectronicsRecycling

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## STATEMENT

### **COALITION THANKS SENATE ORGANIZERS OF BRIEFING ON HIGH-TECH RECYCLING**

*Secure E-waste Export and Recycling Act (SEERA) Key to Addressing Industry's Export Issue*

Leadership of the [Coalition for American Electronics Recycling](#) expresses our appreciation to the Senate Recycling Caucus, notably Sen. John Boozman (R-AR), Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE), for organizing the October 17 forum on High-Tech Recycling. The event addressed a variety of important issues, including the need for a national e-waste standard, certification issues, China's move to limit some types of solid waste and data security. As leaders in the e-waste recycling industry, we believe this kind of ongoing discussion is critical to addressing the complex issues involved in managing the fastest-growing segment of the waste stream.

The Secure E-waste Export and Recycling Act (SEERA – HR 917) is an essential part of a comprehensive solution. This important legislation promotes homeland security and military preparedness by combating microchip counterfeiters based primarily in China. According to a Senate Armed Services Committee report, these counterfeiters produce fake parts using microchips stripped from e-waste, much of it exported from the U.S. As a result, counterfeit chips are pervasive in our defense supply chains and threaten the reliability of military technology such as missile control systems, fighter jets, submarines and much more. Most of the fake components were traced to southern China. Experts say critical infrastructure is also at risk.

Counterfeiters rely on our exports because the U.S. is one of the few countries that allow unrestricted exports of untested, nonworking e-scrap that provide cheap raw materials. Experts say counterfeiters like e-waste feedstock from the U.S. because it is relatively high quality – newer, with more advanced, higher-value components.

SEERA requires domestic recycling of untested, non-working e-waste because if we process it here we keep it out of China's massive counterfeiting industry. In addition to addressing a serious security issue, this legislation will enable American e-waste recyclers to create quality jobs as we scale up to recycle electronics domestically.

The Coalition for American Electronics Recycling includes more than 140 companies and supporting members operating more than 300 facilities in 37 states and Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Visit the CAER website for a complete [member list](#).