



## REMA Right to Reuse Position<sup>12</sup>

### Overview

REMA members across the commodity spectrum rely on reusing goods and products, including used electronics equipment, automotive parts, and tires, as part of their business models. Reuse provides an excellent environmental and economic benefit. Despite these benefits, product manufacturers limit the ability of recyclers to legitimately reuse products; for example, by limiting parts and parts information, manuals, and utilizing digital locks that impede a product's reuse. These practices inhibit every recyclers' right to return products and goods back into the marketplace for legitimate reuse. Consumers should have access to cost-effective alternatives to new products and replacement parts. As global resources become more constrained, the right to reuse should be fully supported.

### It is the position of the Recycled Materials Association (REMA) that:

- Used products destined for use are not waste.
- Recyclers have the right to reuse and remarket products they lawfully own or are remarketing as agents of owners (consignment inventory).
- Recyclers should be able to bypass technological protection measures (e.g. carrier locks, digital locks, kill switches, and other locks) that prevent reuse.
- Recyclers should have convenient and affordable access to, but not limited to, repair manuals, parts and parts information, schematics, diagnostic software, the tools that are necessary for safe and responsible repair and the information to safely handle and reuse certain products, such as airbags.
- The right to market used products without warranty, provided all applicable legal requirements are followed by the recycler.

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<sup>1</sup>As adopted by the ReMA Board of Directors on February 10, 2017.

<sup>2</sup>Position is updated to incorporate prior positions now sunsetted but included in the current position; see ReMA Position on Unlocking Technological Devices, as adopted by the ReMA Board of Directors on October 23, 2016; and, ReMA Position on Activation Locks "Kill Switch" as adopted by the ReMA Board of Directors on July 23, 2014.