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Ms. Sarah Westervelt
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Dear Ms. Westervelt:

Thank you for the invitation to participate on the e-Stewards Technical Committee (TC) tasked with revising e-Stewards Standard for used electronics. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and e-Stewards have a shared goal in ensuring used electronics are handled appropriately. To achieve this, EPA welcomes the opportunity to be involved in the revisions to the e-Stewards Standard.

I have designated Ms. Shayla Powell in the Resource Conservation and Sustainability Division to represent EPA. She is able to attend relevant meetings and can assist you in identifying other environmental experts as needed. While we appreciate your invitation to have Ms. Powell serve as an official committee participant, Ms. Powell's time is best spent as a consultant to the committee. Ms. Powell will join discussions where EPA has the relevant environmental and public health expertise. In her technical assistance capacity, Ms. Powell may not engage in policy or legal discussions, such as those involving international or prison labor issues.

Please note that our participation with the technical committee does not represent an official EPA endorsement or promotion of e-Stewards or any of its policies or guidance, and cannot be construed as such. EPA will provide the same offer of technical assistance to other organizations that develop electronics recycling standards. To ensure transparency about our participation, we plan to post this letter as well as information about our involvement on our website at http://www.epa.gov/wastes/conserve/materials/ecycling/certification.htm.

If you have any questions, please contact Grace Robiou at (703) 308-8710. Ms. Powell may be reached at powell.shayla@epa.gov or (703) 308-0319. Again, thank you for the opportunity to participate in helping to grow the e-Stewards Standard. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Rudzinski

Suzanne Rudzinski, Director
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cc: Sandra Connors
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