



February 11, 2025

Sen. Floyd Prozanski (Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee)  
Sen. Kim Thatcher (Vice Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee)  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**Re: Alarm Industry Support for SB 959**

Dear Sens. Prozanski and Thatcher and Honorable Members of the Oregon Senate Judiciary Committee:

The Alarm Industry Communications Committee (AICC), on behalf of the many central station alarm companies represented within its membership, thanks the Judiciary Committee for introducing SB 959 and taking an important step to ensure the safety and security of Oregon's citizens and businesses. We strongly urge you to support the bill's passage.

AICC is a committee formed by The Monitoring Association (TMA), representing the vast majority of entities providing central station alarm security protection services. The Electronic Security Association (ESA) (representing security and fire alarm service providers) and the Security Industry Association (SIA) (representing alarm system manufacturers) are valuable members of AICC. Central station alarm operations protect tens of millions of families in their homes, a wide range of hospitals, businesses, public utilities and key government facilities (including military installations).

Central station alarm services often act as the "front line" in dispatching municipal police, fire units and emergency medical services. Alarm systems located on a customer's premises sense fire, home and business invasions, medical emergencies, carbon monoxide and other threats, and instantly transmit this data to a central station. The central station in turn screens the alarm and alerts the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), *i.e.*, the dispatch office of municipal authorities, usually police, fire or medical/rescue departments, which then dispatches police officers, fire fighters, EMTs/paramedics and other first responders. This partnership between the alarm industry and the public safety community has literally saved countless lives.

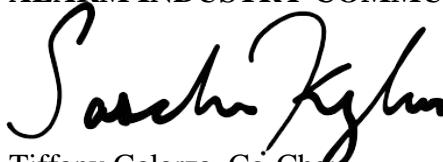
Signal jamming devices can significantly interfere with a security system by disrupting the wireless signals used to communicate between security sensors and the central monitoring hub, rendering the system ineffective and allowing potential intruders to bypass alarms and elude detection. Use of signal jammers to facilitate break-ins and theft has been a growing trend nationwide, and law enforcement has issued warnings about tech-savvy burglary rings using jamming technology to disable security cameras and alarm systems.<sup>1</sup> Passing SB 959 into law would make possession of these devices with intent to break into or steal from a building illegal in the State of Oregon and help deter their proliferation and usage.

With technology ever changing, Oregon’s laws need to be amended to keep up with increasingly sophisticated thieves and to protect the integrity of commercial and home alarm systems. SB 959 is a common sense bill that addresses these concerns. AICC strongly supports its passage.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> See “LAPD issues warning about residential burglars using WiFi jammers to disable alarms, cameras.” ABC 7 Eyewitness News. 5 March 2024, <https://abc7.com/wifi-jammers-burglary-home-lapd/14494252/>; “Edina residents warned burglars could be using ‘WiFi jammers’.” KARE 11 News. 9 February, 2024, <https://www.kare11.com/article/news/local/edina-burglars-could-be-using-wifi-jammers/89-838f08f6-8e13-4577-8a88-628d757207a2>; “Police: Thieves use Wi-Fi jammers to disable home security system in Windsor Locks burglary.” CT Insider. 15 April, 2023, <https://www.ctinsider.com/connecticut/article/windsor-locks-home-burglary-wifi-jammers-17897144.php>.