

February 10, 2025

Senate Judiciary Committee

Re: Senate Bill 959

Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Jake Braunger, and I serve as the Vice President of Advocacy and Public Affairs for the Electronic Security Association (ESA). ESA is the largest trade association in the United States representing the electronic security and life safety industry. Our member companies install, integrate and monitor intrusion and fire detection, video surveillance and electronic access control systems for commercial, residential, industrial, and governmental clients. Together, ESA member companies employ more than 500,000 industry professionals and serve more than 34 million residential and commercial clients.

First, we would like to thank the Judiciary Committee for introducing SB 959, and we urge you to support its passage. This legislation is critical for protecting security and life safety devices and their systems.

Oregon, like the rest of the country, has recently experienced sophisticated robberies of banks and ATMs as well as an increase in burglaries targeting Asian businesses, homes, and places of worship. Additionally, there has been a high-profile string of robberies of professional athletes nationwide. One thing is common among all these stories, and it is the use of signal jamming devices also called "wifi jammers".

While these burglary tools are already illegal at the federal level, it is vital Oregon reinforces the policy to better deter their usage.

Additionally, SB 959 protects the integrity of security and life safety devices by making it less likely for those systems to be made vulnerable by unauthorized repairs. Repair.org, the coalition supporting the right to repair effort nationwide, recently announced an update to their model right to repair legislation specifically excluding security and life safety devices.

Please support the passage of SB 959 to deter criminals and maintain the high integrity of citizen's home and commercial alarm equipment.

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thank you,

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