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On Behalf Of: Oregon citizens of SE neighbors
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB959

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Senate Judiciary Committee

Re: Senate Bill 959

Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,
My name is Shawn Bergen, and I am an Oregon citizen and home renter in the south east neighbors district. First, I would like to thank the Judiciary Committee for introducing SB 959 if, for all purposes, it was created to add protection to american citizens. However, through careful review of the bill, I urge you to vote NO on its passage. 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". However, burglary in the second degree already carries a 10-20 year sentence depending on the weapon(s) and/or tool(s) present. Reinforcing Oregon policy by adding a one year sentence is not likely to better deter their usage. This legislation is critical for protecting security and life safety devices and their systems.

Additionally, SB 959, by saying that the maker of an alarm system does not need to give an owner or repair provider a tool or part needed to fix the alarm system, does not protect the integrity of security and life safety devices by making it more likely for those systems to be made vulnerable by unauthorized repairs and financial burden being passed on to the Oregon citizen. Hard to believe that the State of Oregon which has some of the most strict alarm licensing laws in the country for alarm company owners and technicians would try and pass such a short sided bill. The same government institution that requires years of tech training to work on your Fire Alarm/Security Alarm/Life Safety System now wants to let the customer work on their own Life Safety Systems.

Additionally, the bill if passed into law could give government institutions unprecedented and unconstitutional power to surveillance or track Oregon citizens for the purpose of tracing leaving Oregon citizens with no recourse for the violation of privacy laws. The purpose of this letter is to let this governmental body that serves and is for the people of Oregon know that this is a dangerous bill and that it needs to be stopped. Please vote NO on SB 959 to deter governmental overreach, keep alarm/safety systems costs low for the consumer, and maintain the high integrity of Oregon citizen's home and commercial alarm equipment.

Shawn Bergen
Oregon Citizen of 48 years