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Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
Oregon State Senate
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Senate Bill 959

Dear Chair Prozanski and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

First, I would like to thank you for hearing Senate Bill 959, and I strongly urge you to support passing this bill.

I am the 3rd generation of our family-owned alarm company based in Portland, Oregon and have provided alarm services to the Pacific Northwest for over 70 years. Our founder, Bob Phillips, was also one of the founding members of the Oregon Burglar and Fire Alarm Association (OBFAA), an organization dedicated to improving the alarm industry and which I am now the President.

We have spent those 70 years providing peace of mind and taking care of customers' security. This bill should be passed to protect the public from the illegal use of Wi-Fi Jammers. These devices have been used in many high-profile break-ins and they are only going to become more prevalent, thus leading to more break-ins.

Additionally, SB 959 also protects the integrity of security and life safety devices by making it less likely that these systems are compromised by unauthorized, repair or repair from uncertified individuals. Often, these systems are used to monitor life safety systems. These include Fire Alarm systems, Nurse Call Systems, Personal Emergency Response Systems. These systems are used to dispatch lifesaving services. Additionally included in this are security systems, which monitor for property protection but also for emergency panic buttons, or hostage buttons.

If unauthorized or uncertified people are allowed to work on these systems, those unauthorized/uncertified people will not have the training necessary to make sure these systems are operating correctly. Additionally, if there is an event where someone's life saving care or other emergency response is delayed due to faulty work, there will be no record of who made those changes.

"Repair.org" is the coalition supporting right to repair efforts across the country. Thankfully, this coalition has recently announced an update to their model 'right to repair' legislation, that specifically excludes security and life safety devices!

Thank you for supporting SB 959. Please feel free to contact me directly or to the OBFAA.

Sincerely,

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