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To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Tim Svenson, Executive Director
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Date: March 4, 2025

Re: SB 959 - Testimony in Support

Chair Prozanski and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association, we submit this testimony in support of SB 959. This legislation addresses the emerging threat of signal and Wi-Fi jammers being used to disable home and business security systems, enabling criminals to commit burglaries undetected.

As law enforcement professionals dedicated to protecting our communities, we have observed a troubling rise in the misuse of these devices. Though illegal under federal law, signal jammers remain readily accessible, with criminals able to purchase them inexpensively online or through sources outside the United States. This accessibility creates a dangerous loophole in our current burglary laws, which SB 959 seeks to close.

By classifying alarm signal jammers as burglary tools, SB 959 provides law enforcement with the necessary legal authority to effectively charge and prosecute offenders who use these devices to facilitate their crimes. Without this legislative change, individuals using jammers to compromise security systems can evade appropriate legal consequences, undermining the safety of residents and businesses across Oregon.

The misuse of signal jammers not only threatens property but also puts lives at risk. Security systems serve as a vital deterrent against intrusions, alerting homeowners, businesses, and law enforcement to potential dangers. When criminals disable these systems, they strip individuals of a crucial layer of protection, increasing their vulnerability to violent crimes and delayed emergency response times. SB 959 reinforces our commitment to safeguarding the public by ensuring that the law keeps pace with evolving criminal tactics.

Supporting SB 959 aligns with the mission of law enforcement agencies to enhance community safety and security. By addressing this growing threat, we can ensure that Oregon residents and

business owners can rely on their security systems without fear of technological sabotage. We urge the committee to pass SB 959 and strengthen Oregon's ability to combat this sophisticated criminal activity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.