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TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary  
FR: Charlie Fisher, State Director, Oregon State Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG)  
RE: SB 959

OSPIRG is a statewide public interest group representing thousands of Oregonians.

**OSPIRG opposes SB 959 because it unnecessarily exempts alarm systems from Oregon’s right to repair law passed last session.**

We take the security concerns raised by proponents of this bill seriously, which is why the right to repair policy provides an exemption specifically to prevent manufacturers from having to disclose anything that would **“disable or override, without an owner’s authorization, anti-theft or privacy security measures that the owner sets for consumer electronic equipment.”**<sup>1</sup>

The intent of this provision was intended to protect against potential issues raised by proponents of this bill: that a consumer electronic device would have some sort of code or override that would allow bad actors to hack into a device without an owner’s permission.

If there are particular issues with this safe harbor provision, we are more than happy to have a conversation about updating the language to make sure there are not unintended consequences. However, as written, SB 959 simply exempts all alarm systems from the right to repair altogether. So owners of an alarm system want the freedom to choose whether to fix their system on their own or to have an authorized provider fix it are barred from being able to make this choice.

**We urge you to protect Oregonians’ right to repair and remove the provision of SB 959 completely exempting alarm systems.**

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<sup>1</sup> SB 1596, Section 1(2)(d):  
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB1596/Enrolled>