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Senator Floyd Prozanski, Chairman  
Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE, S-413  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**Re: Opposition to House Bill No. 3047 – Proposed Drone Legislation**

Dear Chairman Prozanski & Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

We ask you not to advance HB 3047.

We agree with the intent to install reasonable regulations regarding the use of drones. However, HB 3047 creates unintended consequences to legitimate personal and commercial uses of drones.

Drones hold tremendous promise for businesses, professionals, and hobbyists. In areas like real estate, security, agriculture, architecture, engineering, and delivery, drones can provide significant commercial benefits to consumers and businesses in both rural and urban areas.

However, passing HB 3047 would prevent Oregon residents from exploring some of these opportunities.

This is because, due to recent changes at the federal level, HB 3047 Section 2 creates obligations with which Oregonians might not be able to comply – in particular, the registration requirements with the FAA.

Fortunately, Oregon has existing laws that already protect the privacy and safety of residents. For example, laws addressing criminal mischief<sup>1</sup> are already fully applicable to the use of drones in Oregon.

Instead of passing HB 3047 we suggest amending it to create clear rules for drone operators. We suggest replacing the existing bill text with the “Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act” (UASA) based on existing Michigan Law ([SB 992](#) 2016).

The UASA, available at [NetChoice.org/DroneModel](http://NetChoice.org/DroneModel), enables the safe and lawful operation of drones by promoting accountability of operators, protecting privacy and property rights, and prescribing penalties for interference with first responders.

The UASA:

- Creates statewide standard allowing clarity for individuals and government.
- Recognizes licensing by FAA.
- Prohibits using a UAS to knowingly and intentionally:
  - Interfere with the official duties of first responders.
  - Harass, stalk, or violate restraining orders.

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<sup>1</sup> OR Stat. §§ 164.345, .354, and .365

- Recording an individual in a manner that invades the individual's reasonable expectation of privacy.
- Creates a process to register locations as critical infrastructure.

While we ask that you not adopt HB 3047, we welcome the opportunity to work with you on reasonable regulations that allow all to prosper.

Sincerely,



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