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Oregon State Legislature
Senate Committee on Judiciary
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chairman Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee,

The American National Standards Institute¹ (ANSI) welcomes the opportunity to provide its input on HB 2395, a bill addressing security features for devices connected to the Internet.

ANSI is a federation whose members are government agencies, trade associations, standards developing organizations, professional societies, companies, academic and international bodies, and consumer organizations. ANSI represents the interests of more than 270,000 companies and organizations and 30 million professionals worldwide. As the voice of the U.S. standards and conformity assessment system, ANSI empowers its members and constituents to strengthen the U.S. marketplace position in the global economy while helping to assure the safety and health of consumers and the protection of the environment.

Voluntary consensus standards² for products, processes, and services are at the foundation of the U.S. economy and society. The United States has a proud tradition of developing and using voluntary standards to support the needs of our citizens and the competitiveness of U.S. industry in world markets. Both U.S. law and policy identify a preference for reliance on voluntary consensus standards in support of regulation.

ANSI does not itself develop standards. Rather, the Institute accredits standards developing organizations to create and maintain American National Standards (ANS). ANSI

¹ www.ansi.org

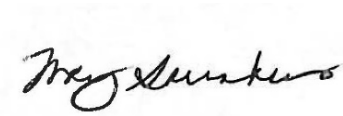
² A voluntary consensus standard is a type of standard developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies, through the use of a development process that includes the following attributes or elements: openness, balance, due process, an appeals process and consensus.

accreditation is based on the Institute's essential requirements for openness, balance, consensus and due process³.

The voluntary consensus standards process is time-tested, and has been relied on by many government agencies to the benefit of the public, government, industry and many other stakeholders.

We welcome the opportunity to provide the committee more information on consensus standards. Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Saunders". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

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³ www.ansi.org/essentialrequirements