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| ***FCC - News from the Federal Communications Commission*****Media Contact:** Michael Sweeney, (202) 418-1087Michael.Sweeney@fcc.gov**For Immediate Release****COMMISSIONER SIMINGTON CALLS FOR MANDATORY SECURITY UPDATES FOR WIRELESS DEVICES****WASHINGTON, D.C., December 15, 2022—**Today, Commissioner Simington called for the FCC to modify its equipment authorization regime to require device manufacturers to explicitly commit to supporting their wireless devices with security updates for a defined period. He said that the widespread industry practice of abandoning support of wireless devices while they are still in active use by thousands or millions of Americans represents a national security risk. Such unpatched devices, he argued, are not only vulnerable to data and credential theft, but also to being commandeered by attackers and turned into distributed signal jammers.  ###**Office of Media Relations: (202) 418-0500****ASL Videophone: (844) 432-2275****TTY: (888) 835-5322****Twitter: @FCC****www.fcc.gov/media-relations** *This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).* |
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