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Good Morning Chair Marilyn S. John | Vice Chair Bill Dean | Ranking Member Sean P. Brennan | and members of the State and Local Government Committee,

I am the Executive Director of the Ohio Association of Security and Investigation Services (OASIS). We are the legislative advocacy organization for Ohio's Private Investigation and Private Security profession. I was provided a copy of the Occupational Licensing Review (OLR) Report dated November 14, 2023 by Ohio Homeland Security Executive Director, Mr. Mark Porter. We discussed its contents as it pertains to the licensing and renewal of Class A, B, and C provider companies and our employees more commonly referred to in the business as "registrants". In that report we see that there is a proposed three-year renewal plan for Class A providers with no changes to Class B, and Class C providers or the registrants of our companies. OASIS would like to submit a counter proposal that we feel would work best for the Ohio profession as well as our regulatory agency the Ohio Department of Homeland Security.

In the 132nd General Assembly, our profession had introduced Senate Bill 272. In that Bill our profession had devised a licensing and renewal strategy that was based on a two-year renewal structure for all Class A, B, and C provider companies (currently numbering 859) and our registrants (currently numbering 24,476). This plan was an agreeable/manageable plan with both the Ohio profession and the Ohio Department of Homeland Security the Office of Private Investigator and Security Guard Services (PISGS). OASIS would like to formally request that you substitute our two-year licensing and renewal plan with your three-year licensing and renewal plan outlined in your OLR report dated November 14, 2023. We are currently working with the legislative service commission (LSC) to have this two-year renewal plan re-emerge in a modernization Bill for our profession. The reason we prefer our plan and how the plan would work is outlined below:

1. Extending our License renewal process to a three-year renewal would be cost prohibitive and be a ***"huge" negative economic impact to the Ohio profession.***



2. With a two-year renewal plan, companies and registrants would be broken down into two groups based upon their company name or last name.
3. A – M would renew on odd numbered years. N – Z would renew on even numbered years.
4. Cost would be commensurate (doubled) with a two-year renewal for both provider companies as well as registrants.
5. This two-year plan is common in other states.
6. Make the change effective in 2025 to allow for notification to the Ohio profession and implementation by PISGS as to avoid any confusion with changes to the current renewal plan.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide some brief comments regarding the licensing and renewal process regarding the Ohio profession of Private Investigators and Private Security Officers. If there are any questions or concerns, I can best be reached by email of: executive.director@ohoasis.com and by work cell number of: 614-526-4060.

V/R,
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