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To: Chairman Wilson, Vice Chair Hackett, and Ranking Member Smith and Members of the Ohio Senate Financial Institutions and Technology Committee

Ref: Senate Bill (SB 100)

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Good morning, Chairman Wilson, Vice Chair Hackett, and Ranking Member Smith and Members of the Ohio Senate Financial Institutions and Technology Committee.

I was just informed that Senate Bill 100 (SB 100) is going for its 4th Hearing and quite possibly a vote on Tuesday, June 06, 2023. It was my desire to provide important testimony in person at this hearing, but the short notice will prevent me from providing in-person testimony.

Thus, I am providing my testimony of experience, importance and knowledge on the legal and proper use of GPS and its significant importance of use by licensed security and investigative professional in State of Ohio.

Senate Bill (SB 100) is critical to our profession for several reasons. It is equally important that Senate Bill (SB 100) not be just an exemption for usage in "Criminal" cases by 4749 Registrants but also our profession needs to have a full exemption i.e., usage in Civil and Administrative cases as well just like in the Michigan law.

In the companion Bill in the House (HB 91) our profession was able to get the full exemption placed into an amendment for HB 91. We are requesting equal and identical exemption in Senate Bill (SB 100).

- Private Security Licensed Professional has increased dramatically over the last few years due to the fact that the demand for security and investigations has surpassed the capacity of Law Enforcement to respond and address a variety of security and investigative needs.
- National Private Security Licensed Professionals have doubled in numbers to a current higher rate due to the growing demands.
- Many licensed security and investigators are taking on a significant number of cases that need and demand the use of GPS Systems. These GPS Systems have only enhanced the ability and success of locating missing persons and also more importantly preventing the physical/mental abuse of victims, enabling the private license industry of working with law enforcement to identify, arrest and convict perpetrators that normally the law enforcement sector do not have the personnel to assign and pursue these cases.
- The potential victims of these cases are also seeking and needing the assistance of the Licensed Private Industry. The Licensed Private Industry is working with Battered Women's Shelters, Victim Assistance, Homes of Refuge, Non-Profits, etc.
- Many of these cases are both criminal and civil types of cases which if Senate Bill (SB 100), without full exemption is passed, it would end up working against the very individuals and organizations that Senate Bill (SB 100) needs and was intended to protect.
- Additionally, the fight against Human Trafficking and kidnaping is strongly dependent on GPS and the need for full exemption only enhances the Licensed Private Industry's ability to fight and investigate and recover victims of these ugly crimes. Full exemption is needed since many of these crimes can get tangled up as a civil matter when involving family disputes, etc.

I am asking both personally and professional that your committee and you give full and serious consideration that Senate Bill (SB 100) include full exemption in the State of Ohio for the Licensed Private Industry.

I am available by phone (330-730-3524) at any time and would gladly take a phone call with any additional questions that might need addressed. I appreciate your time and consideration with my very important message to your committee and you!

Best Regards and Much Appreciation,

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