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**To: Rep Patton and Ranking Members of Ohio House of Representatives**
**Ref: Huse Bill (HB 91)**
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Good morning, Rep Patton and Ranking Members of Ohio House of Representatives.

I was just informed that House Bill 100 (HB 91) is going for its 4th Hearing and quite possibly a final vote. 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.

House Bill (HB 91) is critical to our profession for several reasons. It is equally important that House Bill (SB 91) 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.

I am in support and appreciation that House (HB 91) includes full exemption.

Additional Important Information that supports Full Exemption to House Bill (HB 91):

- 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 House Bill (HB 91), without full exemption is passed, it would end up working against the very individuals and organizations that House Bill (HB 91) 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 continue to provide full and serious consideration that House Bill (HB 91) 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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