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House Judiciary Committee

Re: Favorable support of House Bill 489

Dear Chairman Clippinger and Members of the Committee:

Misconduct in Office impacts the entire community, by eroding the trust that citizens have in the people who hold office or hold positions of authority. This type of offense needs to be taken seriously, and investigated with every available tool so that our citizens know that corrupt behavior, conducted while acting under color of office, or position of authority, will not be tolerated.

Many times, misconduct in office is conduct over phone calls and electronic communications. This bill would allow my office to apply for an order from the Court authorizing interception of those communications, a tool that already exists for bribery, extortion, fraudulent insurance, Medicaid fraud, theft scheme, obstruction of justice and more. Passage of this bill would aid in the investigation and prosecution of Misconduct in Office and will help restore trust from the community whenever these acts occur.

Thank you for your time and deliberation on this bill.


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