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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee 2 East Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 701 Vehicle Laws - Window Tinting Materials - Private Detectives

Dear Chairman Smith and Committee Members:

As a former law enforcement officer of over 15 years, I have an acute understanding of personal security. I have owned a security and investigation agency for the past 7 years with a prior 5 years of experience owning another security company.

One of the main issues facing private detectives is personal safety and security. Many times I have been tasked by a workman's comp issue or a criminal defense issue where I must surveil persons. It makes it increasingly difficult and hazardous to our safety if we can be readily seen and identified. Investigating workmans compensation claims keeps everyone's premiums low by identifying fraudulent claims. Fraudulent claims drive up insurance rates for business, which then must be passed along to the businesses clients in increased fees for services and products.

Therefore, allowing an exception for private detectives to have window tinting seems a reasonable request and exception to the Maryland motor vehicle code.

I urge you to give a Favorable Report to SB 701.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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