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**SB340 – Criminal Law - False Statements - Emergency or Commission of
Crime (Antiswatting Act of 2023)**

FAVORABLE

Carrington & Associates, LLC, requests a FAVORABLE report for SB340. This bill establishes prohibitions related to the making of a false statement, report, or complaint of an “emergency” or alleging the commission of a crime to a “governmental emergency report recipient.” Violators are subject to criminal penalties and are civilly liable, as specified. The bill may not be construed to conflict with specified federal statutes. The bill contains a severability clause specifying that if any provision of the bill or the application of the bill is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of the bill.

We would like to thank Senator Kagan for bringing this important legislation forward. We have all been horrified by the many examples captured on video or otherwise, in which someone uses the threat of calling 9-1-1, or actually makes a call to 9-1-1, as a threat to another person. The person being threaten is most likely a person of color, the person making the threat is not. This legislation is straightforward, and poignant.

For the stated reasons, we ask for a FAVORABLE report on SB340.

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