

First of all, thank you for allowing us to speak today. We are in favor of SB632 going into law because we have been dealing with a neighbor who has had video surveillance on our property now for over a year with multiple cameras. After talking to police, we found that we have no recourse against this intrusion.

Our neighbor built a house on the property that backs our small barn where our two children house their 4-H animals. Shortly after he moved in, he placed 3 cameras in a line of trees about 5 feet off our property line facing us and pointed directly and deliberately towards our barn. He is able to view them and see our children at the barn as well as possibly hear audio. One camera we know has motion detection because we see a blue light flash when we pass by within range. It was obvious these cameras were placed for the sole reason of surveilling us.

We confronted our neighbor about the cameras but he did not give us any assurance that they would be coming down. My husband and I decided our best course of action was to block the view of the cameras with plywood and screen material. Our neighbor responded by moving the cameras to see around our blockade forcing us to add more screening. We felt like he was harassing us and our children, yet there was nothing we could do. Now we no longer send our children to the barn with their animals after dark and we watch them closely during the day.

In talking with others about our issue, we found that we are not alone in dealing with similar situations. These people also found they had no legal recourse. We understand that almost everyone has security cameras these days and sometimes they may see a piece of a neighbor's property. There is a clear difference between that and using the cameras for intentional surveillance against a neighbor. Our story is just one example of why SB632 needs to be put into law.

Thank you for your time.