

Testimony of Paul Schwartz  
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HB 290 – Crimes – Interception of Wire, oral, or  
Electronic Communications – Exception for Imminent  
Danger

I am Paul Schwartz on behalf of NARFE, National Active & Retired Federal Employees.

We strongly support passage of HB 290.

We are in the electronic age and not to fully use our electronic capabilities to protect the vulnerable among us is an abdication of the government's responsibility to protect its citizens – specifically our children and our elderly, two groups that often rely on home care services

It is not uncommon to hear about elder abuse or child abuse.

If this bill serves to provide greater protection for our elders and our children, then let's do it

This bill simply attempts to address a blatant oversight in our laws by “authorizing a person to intercept a wire, oral, or electronic communication if the person has a **good faith belief** that that person or another person is in imminent danger of becoming the victim of a crime of violence, stalking, abuse, or a protective order”

To me this is a no brainer.

In closing let me point out how different current political circumstances would be if the state of Georgia required two party consent.