

SB0661_Crossover_Bill_RichardKaplowitz_FAV

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TESTIMONY ON CROSSOVER BILL SB#0661- POSITION: FAVORABLE

Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance - Intercepted Communications - Admissibility of Evidence

TO: Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and members of the Judiciary Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of crossover bill SB#0661, **Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance - Intercepted Communications - Admissibility of Evidence**

This bill defines when intercepted communications are permitted so that the interest of justice will be best served by the admission into evidence of the contents of the communication and evidence derived from the communication.

It defines some of the cases in which communication is offered involve:

- A crime committed against at least one individual
- A hate crime ...

and states that the contents of the communication and evidence derived from the communication are offered as evidence of a material fact.

This bill will provide that the contents of a certain intercepted communication and evidence derived from the communication may be received in evidence in a criminal trial or hearing before the District Court or circuit court under certain circumstances.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on crossover bill SB#0661.