

Honorable Senators and Representatives,

My name is Jack Ingle from Clemmons NC. I am in my second term and currently serve as Vice Chair of the Alarm Systems Licensing Board appointed by the Honorable Phil Berger as a Public Member representing the citizens of North Carolina. My previous experience includes serving as a Councilman for the Village of Clemmons, on the Clemmons Planning Board (two terms as chair), and retiring from the Winston-Salem Police Department after 21 years' service. I currently serve on the Lewisville Clemmons Chamber of Commerce as Vice President of Economic Development

I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak with you about the Occupational Licensing Boards Bill. I will focus on the Alarm Systems Licensing Board.

The Board consists of 7 members (4 public and 3 industry) appointed by members of the legislature and the governor. The board and its staff are paid for by dues from the industry, no state tax funds are used.

The Board, staff, and investigators:

- Perform background investigations for the licensing of alarm systems occupations
- Register employees of licensed companies
- Conduct investigations of public complaints
- Conducting Compliance Audits
- Enforce the law through administrative disciplinary processes and the courts

During Background investigations, some applicants for registration have been found to have been convicted of various criminal violations including:

- Burglary
- Robbery or Armed Robbery
- Sexual abuse of Adults and Children
- Child Molestation
- Homicide
- Kidnapping
- Forgery and Fraud

To name a few, these applicants were denied licenses.

Elimination of the Alarm Systems Licensing Board may impact the State in the following ways:

- The State would lose critical oversight and control of necessary training, education, and background screening of people who have access to citizen's security codes to access homes and businesses.
- The ability to investigate and correct allegations or wrongdoing on the part of licensees will be eliminated and there will be no one to ensure that these companies and their employees conduct themselves in an ethical and professional manner.
- The citizens of North Carolina will lose the only resource available for confirming that an alarm system company is in compliance with statutes or that a registrant is actively licensed in North Carolina prior to allowing access to their homes and personal information
- The elimination could cost citizens and businesses additional insurance premiums.

In closing the North Carolina Alarm Systems Licensing Board serves a valuable service to the citizens of North Carolina. Right now, all fifty states and the District of Columbia have boards for licensing the alarm industry. The purpose of these boards are: " to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public through the regulation of businesses and individuals who identify, assess, and provide work to individuals and businesses"

I am asking you to keep the Alarm Systems Licensing Board.

Thank you for your time and service to the State of North Carolina.