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April 15, 2016

Senator Fletcher L. Hartsell, Jr., Co-Chair  
Joint Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee  
300 N. Salisbury Street, Room 627  
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Representative Jonathan C. Jordan, Co-Chair  
Joint Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee  
300 N. Salisbury Street, Room 420  
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Re: Alarm System Licensing Board, Chapter 74D

Dear Senator Hartsell and Representative Jordan:

I am writing in my role as the current president of the North Carolina Electronic Security Association (NCESA) which is a trade association made up of Alarm dealers, installers and monitoring companies. First, we wish to express our appreciation for allowing representatives of our Association to speak to the Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee regarding our opposition to the repeal of Chapter 74D of the North Carolina General Statutes. We are perplexed as to how the Alarm Systems Licensing Board was inserted into the proposed legislation since the Program Evaluation Study did not include the Alarm System Licensing Board (ASLB) and it was not discussed in the committee or subcommittee.

Our membership and leadership are united in our support of the ASLB and feel that the Board provides valuable protections to the general public to establish standards and enforce those standards for those entering our citizens' homes. Our industry exists to protect not only people's homes and businesses, but also their lives and the lives of their family.

The Board also safeguards the information about how to avoid the alarms that are installed or other ways to get around the protections that many of our citizens have in their homes. This information is not only known by the installers of the systems, but also all those who work in the business who could access those records. It is important to remember that we not only install alarms in people's homes, but also in schools, hospitals, churches, and courthouses.

We spoke to several legislators on the committee who feel the inclusion of the Alarm Systems Licensing Board would be a mistake and agree with the comments made at the end of the meeting that this is not the licensing board that should be repealed in our efforts to lessen regulation. We understand that further study will be done regarding the repealing and combining of licensing boards, and we respectfully request that if the ASLB is still being considered that we be permitted to speak to the Committee about our concerns and provide information about the viewpoint of the industry that is regulated.

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Thank you both for your public service and the work you are doing to streamline the regulations on businesses. We appreciate your efforts and hope that you will contact us with any questions that you may have.

With best regards,

NC ELECTRONIC SECURITY ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Roger Parks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a stylized "P".

Roger Parks, President

cc: Joint Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee Members  
NC Electronic Security Association Board of Directors