

House Bill 1486

My name is Jesse Jahner and I am the elected Sheriff of Cass County North Dakota. I am testifying in opposition of House Bill 1486 as it is currently written. The way the bill is currently written our 911 dispatch center would not be allowed to ping a cell phone in an emergency situation to locate an individual who is need of immediate assistance. The situations where we would want to ping a phone currently encompass situations of immediate life or death, locations during adverse weather conditions, someone is in jeopardy of serious bodily injuries or death, kidnapping, elderly wondering and orientation, terrorists threats, national security situations, and suicidal individuals to name a few. I have spoken with one of the bills sponsors Representative Ben Koppelman in reference to these concerns and he was very receptive to language that would assist in these situations. I mentioned to him that if Section 3 Amendment, 51-34-05 line 26 d. was changed back to it's original format it would fit the need of law enforcement in order to help in these emergencies. If this language was changed back to it's original format I would have no other concerns.