

Chairwoman Larson, Vice Chairman Paulson, and other honorable members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I write today in **OPPOSITION TO** Senate Bill 2385. From my perspective the main thrust of the bill is an attempt to criminalize the collection of evidence by law enforcement. The bill is overly broad and does not consider the realities of criminal investigations including the collection and retention of physical evidence and the confiscation and seizure of contraband such as drugs and paraphernalia. Before voting on this bill I urge you to contact your local Sheriff and State's Attorney and ask for their thoughts.

Additionally, I believe the bill adds an unnecessary section to the Century Code as the law already provides for theft of property whether committed by an individual or an organization. There is no need to specifically address public servants unless this bill was specifically drafted to be anti-law enforcement. Further, the bill does not define "private property" or "due process of law" which creates ambiguity and opens officers who were acting lawfully according to their duties to criminal charges.

I urge you all to vote **DO NOT PASS**. If you wish to discuss SB 2385 further with me or if you have any additional questions, I can be contacted at the below-listed information.

Very Respectfully,

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