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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 929

Thank you committee members for today's hearing on Senate Bill 929.

This is a very simple bill. This bill allocates \$4 million to the Office of School Safety for an early gun detection pilot program.

Senate Bill 523 creates the early gun detection pilot program. This program will allow schools to acquire threat detection equipment and software, while partnering with law enforcement. The bill prioritizes school districts that have had a firearm-related incident in the last 10 years, and requires a 25% local match. We expect that bill to be voted out of the Committee on Education in the coming weeks. I have given committee members my testimony from the committee hearing on SB 523 for more information.

To prevent the bill from being line item-vetoable, an amendment has been offered to SB 523 to remove the money from that bill. Senate Bill 929 has been introduced to provide the funding of the pilot program. Unfortunately, the Education committee will not have time to hear and vote out Senate Bill 929 prior to Joint Finance meeting.

For that reason, Senate Bill 929 has been referred to this committee, allocating \$4 million to the office of school safety if Senate Bill 523 passes. I urge you support this bill, so that we can fund this important program.

Thank you.

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