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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee  
In Support of SB47/HB2093  
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Chairman King and Committee Members,

Our associations support the provisions of SB47 concerning identity fraud. This bill addresses a growing problem surrounding the abuse of social networking sites. The bill expands the computer crime statute and the identity theft statute to include crimes specific to social networking sites. These additions are necessary to address unauthorized intrusions into these social networking sites. Frequently these intrusions lead to alterations to these sites that are damaging to the owners reputation, their families, and even their jobs. The intrusions can also be tools a devious person can use to stalk, intimidate, threaten, or otherwise create emotional distress in the owner of the site. In the worst case scenarios these intrusions are the prelude to escalating criminal acts. The results are worse than the typical identity theft crimes we commonly think of because the losses can go far beyond the economic impacts.

Last Thursday, the House passed HB2093 which, in its original form, was an identical bill to SB47. That bill was amended in committee with recommendations from the KBI and the Attorney General. That amendment adds a provision (new section 1 in the amended bill) to provide for the application of the consumer protection act where appropriate. We also support that amendment and encourage you to incorporate it into the bill you pass out of committee.

HB2093 also had a non-substantive amendment on the House floor.

We encourage you to recommend one of these bills favorably for passage which includes the consumer protection amendments.

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