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Baret, Jeanne

From: Ira Victor [Ira@dataclonelabs.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2009 6:54 AM
To: Baret, Jeanne; Wiener, Valerie Senator; Care, Terry Senator
Subject: Today's hearing: SB 227

Dear Senator Wiener,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding SB 227. Business precludes my attendance this morning at Senate Judiciary; however, I am sending the following statement to be read into the record:

"As President of Sierra Nevada InfraGard Member Alliance, I am extending our support to SB 227 for the following reasons:

1. It covers encrypting sensitive information transported over the internet, AND via portable media. As a security professional, I have seen hundreds of information breaches due to the mishandling of USB "thumb" drives, compact discs, back-up drives, and other portable media.
2. It extends the law to government agencies. The information security community has been continually dismayed that the state does not apply the same standards to itself that it does to business, and we are pleased to see Nevada take the lead in this regard. We believe this will help the private sector to take their responsibility more seriously.
3. It better ties terms like encryption and faxes to well-established standards, rather than to a definition that is inflexible as technologies changes."

I apologize for the sending this statement at the last minute. It was my attention until an hour ago to appear in person. InfraGard members appreciate the opportunity to have a voice in these issues, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,
Ira Victor
President, Sierra Nevada InfraGard Member Alliance