

RE: SB 30 An Act Concerning Consumer Privacy and Identity Theft

In November 2007, I became a victim of internet fraud. Apparently someone got a hold of my Dell Credit Card Account and proceeded to charge 4 Dell laptops to my account. When Dell called to confirm this \$4500.00 purchase, I was in disbelief. I always thought something like this would never happen to me. I am very cautious with my paper statements as well as what I purchase online. Almost 2 months later, and many written statements later as well as phone calls and police reports, I have been cleared of any responsibility and my account has been closed.

I am in complete support of Senate Bill #30. We need protection from internet fraud. It happens everyday and it happened to me.

Sincerely,  
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I am not able to attend, but we should support the proposal. Question about drafting: The section below allows civil actions but one sentence refers to the person being found "guilty of" which does not happen in a civil action. Maybe the sentence was meant to be elsewhere, or maybe a different word should be used, like "liable for"?

b)\* \*In any civil action brought under this section in which the plaintiff prevails, the court shall award the greater of one thousand dollars or treble damages, together with costs and a reasonable attorney's fee. \_Damages shall include, but not be limited to, documented lost wages and any financial loss suffered by the plaintiff as a result of identity theft, as defined in section 53a-129a. The court shall issue an order that the person found guilty of identity theft shall pay restitution to the prevailing party.\_

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