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Dear Chairman Duff and Barry:

Thank you for giving HB 5683 AN ACT CONCERNING ATM SAFETY, the opportunity to have a public hearing. This idea came to me because several months ago I was in my car and I was hearing how robberies at ATM's were on the rise. As our economy worsens, unfortunately the possibility of increased crime exists. Immediately after hearing this news on the radio I was watching a movie where a bank was being robbed and a teller was able to set off a silent alarm to signal the authorities. Imagine if the same system or a better system can be developed through the ATM which would be able to signal the police at the time of the crime. As the person inputs their code to retrieve the cash, instead of inputting their regular code they can input for instance 0911 and that would send out an automatic silent signal to police dispatch. This simply would alert the local authorities and increase the chance of capturing these criminals.

This bill is not asking for all ATM's to include this technology but what it does call for is on an ongoing basis in all new ATM's.

Respectfully Submitted,

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