

## TESTIMONY TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

### RAISED BILL NO. 443

#### AN ACT CONCERNING ILLEGAL ELECTRONIC MONITORING MARCH 23, 2012

My name is Neil Hunt, I am Chairman of the Board of Governors of the **Connecticut Association of Licensed Private Investigators; (CALPI)** an organization representing licensed private investigators in the State of Connecticut for the past eleven years. We have a membership of approximately half of the working private investigators in Connecticut. My agency, Hunt Investigations, was founded forty nine years ago and we are presently licensed in CT and MA.

I am here today on behalf of CALPI to testify on **Raised Bill No. 443, An Act Concerning Illegal Electronic Monitoring.**

As written, there is no provision for the legal use of such devices by Private Investigators. We are licensed by the Connecticut State Police, and we the owners, of the agencies, as well as the investigators that we may employ have undergone a very strict background investigation and are constantly monitored by the Department We are often asked to monitor employees using company vehicles to determine if they are where they should be, speeds of travel or whether or not they are using the vehicle for their own purposes, be it legal or not. At other times they are used in situations involving family members in domestic situations where the legal owner of the vehicle requests it. **At no times are these devices used by Private Investigators without the legal owners consent.** In the list of exceptions, nowhere is there a mention of a private investigator installing and or monitoring these devices for the excepted uses, when requested by same, thereby making it a very gray area.

In conclusion, we, **the members of CALPI ask that you specifically ADD Private Investigators as permissible users, when doing so in accordance with the law.**

Thank you,

Neil V. Hunt  
Chairman of the Board  
CALPI