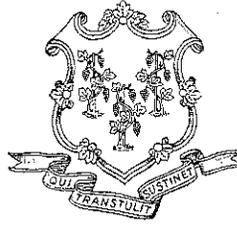


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Good afternoon Sen. Leone, Rep. Baram, and members of the General Law Committee. I would like to express my support for SB 589 An Act Requiring Companies to Notify Consumers of Unauthorized Access to Computer Data.

Although I proposed this bill before the recent Anthem security breach, that event has made the need to shore up protections for consumers whose personal information has been exposed by computer security breaches. Although CGS section 36a-701b provides some protections for consumers when a business has its data hacked and the consumer's data is exposed, our statutes do not provide sufficient protection for the current threat level. The notification requirement to consumers should require immediate notification and the entity whose data was hacked should be required to provide identity theft protection to the individuals whose identities were exposed. I look forward to working with you on this issue of vital importance.