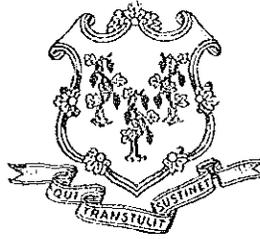


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Re: Senator Duff's Testimony on SB 1024, AAC The Security of Consumer Data

Senator Crisco, Representative Megna, Representative Kelly, Representative Sampson and distinguished members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. I am Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff and I am here to testify in support of Senate Bill 1024, An Act Concerning the Security of Consumer Data.

When people hear security breach, data breach or identity theft, it shakes them to their core. We are currently living in a very different world from the one most of us grew up in – where cash was the norm and the ability to steal an identity was difficult. Identity theft is now being perpetrated not by a lone individual sitting down his parents' basement, but by teams of sophisticated hackers and even by agencies of foreign governments.

As the Anthem breach has shown us, not even the personal data of the CEO of the company was spared. By all accounts Anthem did what they were supposed to do – to protect our most private data; data which could be used to open credit cards and impact our future in an adverse way and even the future of our children.

Senate Bill 1024 seeks to set a standard by which insurance companies who operate in our state will have to meet to protect our personal data. The bill before you today is just an initial draft. We have been meeting, and will continue to meet with, both experts in the field of cyber security and members of the insurance industry. This bill is not meant to be a punishment. It is meant to be a collaboration through which Connecticut can lead the country in cyber security standards through a partnership with the insurance industry and cyber security experts.

I would like to thank both of those industries for the help they have already provided and the future help they have committed to giving. Working with them and the members of this committee I am convinced that we can put a bill together that will protect Connecticut's residents and help our insurance industry maintain the confidence of those they serve.