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State Representative John Hampton  
Members of the Judiciary Committee

S.B. No. 1094 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ASSAULT WITH ENHANCED  
PENALTIES

My name is Craig Cesare. I have worked as public safety head of security for a mall for 15 years. Over the past two years, 3 of my guards have been assaulted while on duty. One was spit on, and the other two were injured by being physically punched while trying to defuse a domestic incident that had carried into the mall.

I have personally witnessed 4 other incidents in which loss prevention personnel have been seriously assaulted. Two of the incidents involved weapons. I feel it is necessary to include security guards and loss prevention personnel in S.B. 1094 and offer them a higher degree of safety and protection. I strongly encourage and ask you to protect them as you have done for so many other professions under 53a-167c and include them under S.B. 1094.

While these men and women do not have the authority that police do, they do however deal with the same people in a public setting and are often the first line defense for retailers and visitors.

Respectfully,

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