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**Neutral Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee  
On SB344**

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While our associations see value to the photographs in question in this bill, we also realize the importance of balance between the tools to combat these crimes and the operation of the businesses. For that reason, we are neutral on the proposal contained in the current version of SB344. However, we will strongly oppose any change in the bill to attack the implementation of the database or otherwise weaken the bill as passed last year. For us to remain neutral requires this bill stay on track with the limited change proposed.

We are aware that significant work is underway to complete the database approved last year by the legislature and costs have already been incurred in that development work. We continue to strongly believe that tool will aid us in reducing the metal theft crimes.

If the committee moves this bill forward, we ask you to help us keep the bill clean throughout the process.

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