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Dear Members of the Committee on Criminal Justice:

The genesis of this bill comes from my desire to protect civil liberties in Wisconsin.

Technological advances are happening every day in Wisconsin, in America and around the world. As legislators, we are in the business of working to create a favorable environment for businesses to create jobs and improving the quality of life for our constituents, we should support and encourage such innovation.

However, it's equally important that we as legislators keep a vigilant watch over how these technologies could potentially violate our privacy as private citizens.

A version of this bill passed the Assembly in 2009 but no action was taken in the Senate. In 2009, the Wisconsin Court of appeals urged the legislature to limit the ability of police and private citizens to track unknowing persons via GPS.

Very simply, this legislation makes it a class A misdemeanor for a person to:

- Use a GPS device to obtain information regarding another person's movement or location without that person's knowledge or consent
- For an individual to place a GPS device on a vehicle that another person owns or uses without that person's knowledge or consent

IMPORTANT NOTE: In an effort to protect the interests of businesses with company vehicles, and ensure law enforcement officials can continue to serve and protect, this legislation does not affect them.

Concluding, I would like to thank everyone today for their time.

I am available for questions from Committee Members.

Thank you.

Rep. Adam Neylon