

Dear Mr Hertling;

The Florida Association of Security Companies (FASCO) represents over 1000 Licensed Security Agencies in Florida that employ more than 100,000 Florida Licensed Security Officers.

FASCO's Board of Directors has taken a unanimous stand in support of allowing Licensed Security Agencies access to the F.B.I.'s national criminal history data base for prospective employees.

Our Industry needs every available tool to ensure the safety of Florida's citizens and our clients. Our State has a progressive and professional Division of Licensing regulating our members, and, for this, we are grateful. Nonetheless, many of our members maintain hiring standards beyond minimal State requirements, and the ability to access a national criminal search is essential to maintaining these high standards.

FASCO sent our Secretary/Treasurer, Patty Schmitt, to the Compact Council and her statement to the Council supporting FASCO's position is a matter of record.

This correspondence is simply to further express the views and support of Florida's Security Industry.

Sincerely,

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