

2019

To Senate Committee for State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

Honorable Mike Foote, Chairman.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee;

I wish to thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear and speak to you about a bill that concerns me greatly.

I am here with my daughter and we are both opposed to HB19-1226.

I enlisted into the Army Security Agency and was in Viet Nam during the Tet and mini Tet offensives in 1968.

When I enlisted, I took an oath to protect and defend the United States and the Constitution.

Although I have never heard the oath of our state legislators, I'm sure you swore a similar oath when you became a member of the legislature.

The way I see it is:

- In addition to defending the Colorado Constitution you need to protect the majority of Colorado citizens;
- The majority of Colorado Citizens are the LAW-ABIDING citizens. They are the majority who put you in office and keep you in office;
- The minority are those who violate the laws and commit the crimes – they don't keep you in office;

As stated earlier I was in the "Army Security Agency." Because of technology, now we are considered "old spooks and spies."

The Army Security Agency was actually part of NSA.

Our unofficial motto was:

“In God we trust – all others we monitor.” And we were very good at what we did.

The command staff in Viet Nam commented, we were the ultimate weapon because of **our ability to monitor, and locate**, the enemy and provide **accurate** and **reliable** intelligence.

The “Pre-trial Release” program is built on **erroneous data** and is **incapable of effective monitoring** of these alleged criminals.

When the individuals in the Pre-trial release program violate the program, those doing the monitoring have no authority to correct the problem except to ask for a warrant.

This then burdens an already overworked, understaffed and underfunded law enforcement.

This bill is fraught with danger. It will put **violent offenders**, such as **RAPIST’S, CHILD MOLESTER’S** and other **SEXUAL ASSAULT OFFENDER’S** and those **CONVICTED PREVIOUS OFFENDER’S IN POSSESSION OF A WEAPON** quickly back on the street and without effective monitoring.

This **will** not only **endanger the victims and witnesses** but the majority of law-abiding citizens. The very majority that put you in office and you are sworn to protect.

Thank you for your time and consideration to my daughters’ and my concerns, and **please vote no on HB19-1226.**

  
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Enlisted U.S. Army Security Agency 1966 – 1970

Top Secret Crypto Clearance

Viet Nam service 1967-1968 (Tet & Mini Tet offensive’s)

Awarded Bronze Star