

**Written Testimony
House Judiciary Committee Meeting
Support for SB174**

My wife, Hollie Bopp, and I had just experienced a traumatic accident that left us with bills to pay and a system to navigate that neither of us were familiar with. Hollie and I are not lawyers, and this has been one of our only interactions with the legal system.

We turned to Google, like most people do, and looked for answers. We took the website's name at face value and believed that "AutoAccidentReports.com" was what it said it was and that it would give us an accident report. We did not know it would result in our being lied to and pressured into retaining a lawyer that we did not need and that would not be able to help us.

A lead generation firm tried to take advantage of us and lied to us about whether we had retained an attorney. We did not know what to do and we felt that, by telling them no, we might face legal trouble ourselves because they told us we had already signed something. This experience made us lose trust in the legal system.

This bill is important because it will help put a stop to experiences like mine and Hollie's. I know we are not the only people to be taken advantage of like this, and we want to stand up for others who have been harassed and pressured like we were.

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SB26-174 Prohibit Lead Generation Legal Marketing

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

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Hollie Bopp For themselves	<p>On May 15, 2025, my husband and I were severely injured in a car accident. We suffered concussions, other injuries, and were transported to the hospital via ambulance. We were frightened and in pain.</p> <p>After the accident, we contacted our insurance, and they told us we needed an accident report. We searched "accident report" on Google, and the first website that popped up was "AutoAccidentReports.com." We clicked on the link, and the website asked us to fill out a form. We did so and thought that we would then get our accident report.</p> <p>After we filled out the report, we were quickly contacted by someone who identified themselves as a "case manager," and they asked if we needed an attorney. I said no, we were going to go through insurance. After that phone call, we started getting emails from a law firm, saying that we had retained an attorney. The emails contained signed retainer agreements with our names. We never signed a retainer agreement and the signatures on the retainer agreements were fake.</p> <p>After receiving the fake engagement letters, I called the "case manager" back and said we did not want their help, and we did not sign those retainer agreements. The "case manager" said it was too late and we had already signed up. I repeated that we did not need an attorney. Finally, we got certified mail from the law firm, which informed us they had removed themselves from our case.</p>