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**House Committee on Transportation Hearing**

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
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**RE: Support of HB916**

Good morning Chairman and members of the Committee. My name is Michael Beckley and I work for Vigilnet, a company that provides SCRAM Continuous Alcohol Monitoring devices and services to Pennsylvania.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in **support of HB916**, which would replicate supervised bail programs for repeat DUI offenders.

Vigilnet was founded in Nebraska in 2006 with one employee. Since then, the company has expanded to 55 employees with programs operating in Oregon, Washington and Nebraska, and Pennsylvania, with 17 of those employees residing in Pennsylvania. SCRAM CAM was initially provided to the Commonwealth in 2005 by Mid Atlantic Monitoring and Advanced Alcohol Monitoring Program; Vigilnet acquired these companies in 2014 and 2015, respectively. For over a decade, SCRAM CAM has been utilized in 51 counties in Pennsylvania; currently 39 counties have an active unit monitoring.

SCRAM CAM is being used in various ways within the criminal justice system, most commonly in post sentence supervision, pretrial repeat DUI supervision, and treatment court. Vigilnet provides a wide range of services to each County, some simply require the equipment, while others utilize equipment installation, maintenance support, and daily monitoring. There have been 37,802 clients supervised with SCRAM CAM in Pennsylvania; as of June 20, 2019, 1,428 individuals were currently active. The total amount of days monitored was 4,272,870 days with 99.4% of those days being sober days!

To date, Vigilnet has partnered with five counties to implement a Criteria Based Repeat DUI Pre Trial Program utilizing SCRAM CAM. Those Counties are York County (2012), Lancaster County (2015), Washington County (2017), Butler County (2017), and Dauphin County (2019). All five programs utilize Vigilnet for full service monitoring so they do not take from their employee resources for equipment installation and maintenance, troubleshooting, daily monitoring, and alert notifications.

All five programs have utilized a client payment model; therefore, a monitoring budget is not needed to start the program. Vigilnet is responsible for collecting the monitoring fees and takes on the risk of collections. Thus far, a client has not been removed from SCRAM CAM Monitoring or denied service for the inability to pay for services. Vigilnet has worked with each County to accommodate for indigent clients, in some instances providing free monitoring to those who qualify.

Previously, counties have expressed concerns regarding cost, additional workload, and the Court's acceptance of the program as an effective tool. As previously stated, Vigilnet has taken all financial risk in the current programs with client payment, and programs are running without a need for an allocated monitoring budget. Concerns over additional workload are addressed by explanation of available monitoring and service options. As the Courts see our other programs in action, providing increased protection to the community, they are assured the program is a successful tool.

As a resident of York County, previously employed by the criminal justice system in Pennsylvania, I encourage you to **support HB916**. I believe this program has saved many lives and changed many more by preventing alcohol-related accidents and helping individuals remain sober.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Beckley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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