

Senate Committee on Judiciary Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair Honorable Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

> RE: Testimony with comments on S.B. 307 S.D. 1, Relating to Recordings of Law Enforcement Activities Hearing: February 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ben Creps. I am a staff attorney at the Public First Law Center, a nonprofit organization that promotes government transparency.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support** of S.B. 307 S.D. 1. This measure codifies the right of a person to record law enforcement activities. Citizens should be able to record police activity to promote transparency, hold law enforcement accountable, and protect civil rights.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of S.B. 307 S.D. 1.

