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Subject: Re: FW: Contact the Governor from GREGORY FORDHAM

Dear Mr. Fordham:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding House Bill 1259, recently considered by the 2006 Georgia General Assembly. I appreciate knowing how you stand on this issue and regret the delay in my response to your message.

The existing definition of "private detective business," continued in this bill, in conjunction with the applicable exemptions in the law, fails to exclude from the private investigator licensing requirement many professions that collect information or may be called as expert witnesses in court proceedings. To expand the penalty from a misdemeanor to a felony without revision of the existing definitions in the law could result in unintended consequences, therefore I vetoed House Bill 1259 on May 5, 2006.

Thank you again for writing and for your participation in our democratic process.