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Chairman Humphries and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Laura Frisbie and I am submitting written testimony in support of House Bill 2755. I work for Owens Bonding which is an insurance bonding company for AIA. I have been in the bail industry for almost 14 years. I am also the KBAA secretary for the last two years.

I support Bill 2755 for many reasons. I witnessed this practice of discount bonding firsthand, and I believe that it has a negative impact on public safety, just like zero bail releases. Requiring a bonding company to charge the industry standard and collect at least half of the fee will insure that people charged with dangerous crimes will have to post meaningful bail to secure their release. It will create financial accountability. Our judges set these bonds according to the nature of the crime with public safety in mind. Our responsibility as bondsmen along with the indemnitors is to make sure the defendant goes to court and follows bond conditions set by the court.

I also very much support keeping felons out of any aspect of the bail bond business.

Eliminating the option for ebonding makes it necessary for the bondsman approved in each county to post the bond in person. There is no security in place to prevent anyone from posting an ebond. By eliminating this, it keeps local accountability.

I would urge you to support this important bill.

Respectfully submitted,
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