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Representative Rhonda Fields, Chair
House Local Government Committee

Dear Representative Fields,

The Denver Sheriff Department has utilized the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE SYSTEM) since October 1996. The Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) is an automated notification system and part of our commitment to support victims of crime. This is a free, anonymous, and confidential notification and status information service regarding offenders in either the Denver Downtown Detention Center or the Denver County Jail. The general public can register with VINE to receive custody status updates on offenders and court case changes by visiting VINELink at www.vinelink.com.

VINE - Victim Information and Notification Everyday, tracks an offender's in-custody status and date of release. VINELink supports Spanish web content on the National Resources Tab; in addition, VINELink also supports Spanish at the state level. By calling the toll-free number or visiting www.vinelink.com, you can find out the custody status of an offender. You can also register to be notified by phone and e-mail if the custody status of an offender changes.

VINE – Victim Information and Notification Everyday, is funded and provided by local and state agencies and is currently not an option for all Colorado Sheriff Agencies due to funding requirements and internal budget constraints. The cost for saving a victim from being victimized again is priceless and this system allows them the comfort of knowing the status of the offender and their release date.

On behalf of the Denver Sheriff Department, I support the use of the VINE SYSTEM and HB1241. If you have any questions, please contact me at 720-337-0194.

Respectfully,

Gary Wilson
Director and Undersheriff