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March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Delegate Hyland “Buddy” Fowler, Jr.  
10321 Washington Highway  
Glen Allen, Virginia 23059

Re: HB 2265 – Private Investigator Photo Identification Cards

Dear Delegate Fowler,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of the Private Investigators Association of Virginia, Inc. throughout the Commonwealth, I am writing to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for not only your personal efforts, but those of your Legislative Assistant Dale Alderman, to introduce and then work tirelessly toward passage of House Bill 2265 during the 2015 Session of the Virginia General Assembly. As you are aware, our membership strongly believes that Virginia’s Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) should – as an issue of public safety -- reinstitute its past practice of issuing a photo identification card to all individuals duly registered with the Department as Private Investigative personnel. As the Department declined to do so absent the passage of legislation directing that action, your efforts have been of critical importance to achievement of that goal.

We were truly heartened by your willingness to listen to the needs of our industry and your readiness to address this issue as a matter of “public safety.” We also appreciated your sensitivity to insuring that governmental regulation of the business practices of our industry in the Commonwealth effectively assures the safety of the public at large; as well as the ability of both law enforcement and private investigative personnel to effectively discharge their duties in a professional manner. Although *photo-id legislation* contributing to achievement of that goal did not secure passage in this session of the General Assembly, we are hopeful that the issue will either be addressed independently by DCJS in the near term, and/or that legislation proscribing DCJS issuance of such ID will be passed for that purpose in the next session of the General Assembly. Please be assured that we stand ready to support future efforts designed to achieve that goal and to working with you in the future on matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. D’Angelo  
President