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John W. Hollman
Clerk of the House
Illinois House of Representatives
Room 402 State Capital
Springfield, Illinois 62706

RE: State's Attorney Authorized Eavesdropping report under 720 ILCS 5/14-3(q)(3.10)

Dear Mr. Hollman:

The Rock Island County State's Attorney's Office has conducted significant training with all departments within the Rock Island County area that utilize overhear permission pursuant to 720 ILCS 5/14-3(q). We have set a procedure to specifically outline the areas the statute is designated to cover and areas that are excluded. Further, we utilize an informal phone and email request for permission for any request outside of the normal set of circumstances. Thereby reducing and eliminating requests to the office for overhear permission that was not intended by the statute.

Additionally, the office encourages regular use of overhear permission in narcotics transactions to reduce the inherent unreliability of confidential sources and to ensure both confidential sources and police officers are in minimal danger.

For the period of March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026, forty-five (45) overhears were requested formally in writing and forty-five (45) were approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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