



Written Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**  
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In consideration of  
**HB 2027 RELATING TO COMPUTER CRIME.**

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **respectfully opposes HB2027**, especially Section 3, where unauthorized computer access in the first degree is recategorized as a class A felony. HTDC views **this recategorization as unnecessary and disproportional a response to crimes of this level** to join the ranks of kidnapping, rape and murder.

Further, HTDC has concerns regarding the language used in computer crime bills including HB2027. Because computer technologies become obsolete quickly, the definitions in these bills are also prone to a very short shelf life. HTDC recommends **shifting from describing specific technologies** such as hard drive, cookies, etc. **to using terms that reflect functionality**, such as storage device, client-side persistent state, respectively.

While technology sector has lost its trade association, HiSciTech, HTDC feels it is essential that these types of bills that require deeper understanding of technologies involved to be shared with the tech industry first. **HTDC is willing to be that bridge between the industry and the policy leaders** in absence of a tech trade association, so that the industry can assist the State in crafting effective bills that represent a clear and noble intent, and **to avoid the kind of confusion and national concern HB2288** (obligatory record keeping for 2 yrs by internet service providers) has caused.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.