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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3167

Please pass HB 3167. The use of "bots" and other software to purchase tickets to events for the purpose of resale has substantial negative impact on the entertainment industry at large. Performers and fans alike want to access shows directly from the venue or ticket agent not only to avoid being exploited by high prices, but also crucially to avoid being tricked into being victims of fraud, identity theft, or other crime by being forced to seek out tickets through third party resale online. Ticket scalping is often used as a means to either steal funds without producing legitimate tickets, or to steal credit card and other personal info as a part of identity theft scams. By cracking down on this behavior, this bill will help reduce these forms of crime in addition to helping fans see shows at the artist approved price.

Thank you,
Emmett McGregor