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Thank you for taking the time to consider this bill. The proposed bill will allow lawful criminal prosecutions to present necessary and vital information to Judges and Juries about actions of defendants' while on probation. Currently a person may be on GPS tracking by Probation and Parole for a previous criminal action, then they commit a new offense the GPS information cannot be presented to the Court. This simply does not make sense from a public policy standpoint. An example is as follows: Defendant commits the offense of Rape and on GPS tracking. Later the person commits another criminal offense, be it stealing or another sex crime, the person's GPS location cannot be presented to the Court because the current statute says such information or data is not receivable in any Court. This simply does not make sense. In particular Texas County had this exact action occur. Defendant was twice convicted and sentenced to Mo DOC for sex crimes thus on lifetime GPS monitoring by Probation and Parole. Defendant then steals HVAC units from local schools, churches, and Fire Departments. Evidence was uncovered of defendant selling HVAC units at a metal scrap yard and the defendant's vehicle had leftover metal from HVAC units. The GPS data depicted the defendant at the locations of the crimes and down to a foot from each stolen HVAC unit. The crimes cost the victims over \$50,000! However the Court ruled, based on the current statute, this information was not allowed to be presented to the Jury. Additionally, had this person confessed to the crimes to his Probation Officer, this information would not be allowed either. This bill seeks to correct this issue. Thus if passed, in lawful criminal prosecutions the State of Missouri would be authorized to present such GPS information or confessions to Probation officers in Court to seek Justice for the State of Missouri. Thank you again for your valuable time and consideration on this matter.



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