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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.209. We regret we are unavailable to make the hearing tomorrow and wanted to follow up with some considerations regarding adding state buildings to the bill. BGS, as well as other agency and departments, own and lease a variety of buildings and land distributed throughout the state which are generally public buildings. Most of these buildings do not have in-person security presence. Our security that works in BGS-managed buildings that do have in-person security are either classified, contracted, or temporary state employees who are not sworn law enforcement officers. Although the bill does not specifically require the State to prevent a civil arrest from occurring in a State facility, we are concerned it may set a public expectation that we do so. As we discussed, at this time we do not have capacity to staff all buildings, and we have concerns about potentially asking unarmed state employees (whether security officers or other employees) to intervene in federal law enforcement operations.