

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee. My name is Ross Minks. I am the Son-in Law of the late Mr. Olin "Pete" Coones. The Bill number HN 2366 needs to be passed.

The use of jailhouse informants can and does cause innocent people to be found guilty, when in fact they are truly innocent. There are times when jailhouse informants are move from on camp to Another camp to allow them to go through other prisoner's stuff to help gather information. Which is an invasion of privacy. So, they can look for anything to be used in someone's trial or so they can come up with a story to pass on to the DA's office. This takes and stacks our Judicial system in favor of the Plaintiff and makes it harder for an innocent person to have a fair trial. How does a person know if the informant is doing this for their own personal gain? How do we the people know how many times a jailhouse informant has been used before? In fact, we the people are not made aware of these facts.

In my Father-in-Law Mr. Coones case these things were done. Mr. Coones missed 12 years of his family's life because of a jailhouse informant. He missed out on 2 High School Graduations, 3 Weddings, the Birth of 6 Grandchildren, every Holiday, every Birthday and 12 Anniversaries with his wife. I implore you pass Bill number HB 2366. To prevent this from happening to another innocent person and taking these things and their freedom from them because of another jailhouse informant.

Thank you,

Ross Minks