

# EXHIBIT F16

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023 -088

REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND COMMERCE TO STUDY  
THE IMPACT INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES HAVE ON CRIME AT RETAIL  
CONVENIENCE STORES.

WHEREAS, retail convenience stores are convenient to both criminals and  
consumers alike; and

WHEREAS, retail convenience stores have long been targets for nighttime  
robberies and other crimes; and

WHEREAS, it was once estimated by law enforcement officials that six  
percent (6%) of all robberies of businesses in the United States involved  
retail convenience stores; and

WHEREAS, employees in the retail trade sector are at a higher risk of  
violence and homicide than in other industry sectors, and within the retail  
sector, employees in gasoline stations or retail convenience stores, are at a  
higher risk compared with employees in other types of retail and the overall  
workforce; and

WHEREAS, according to 2021 Federal Bureau of Investigation crime data,  
there were over twenty-two thousand seven hundred eighty-eight (22,788)  
incidents of violent crime that occurred at retail convenience stores in the  
United States, double the incidents of violent crime that occurred at retail  
convenience stores in 2017, and represented three percent (3%) of the  
nation's total violent crime statistics for 2021; and

WHEREAS, the increase in nighttime robberies and other crimes at retail  
convenience stores heightens the risk of danger, exposure to violent  
incidents, and crime to consumers and employees; and

WHEREAS, some states have mandated certain minimum security measures at  
retail convenience stores to enhance and protect customers and employees of

1 convenience stores during the nighttime hours, including without limitation  
2 Florida, Maine, and New Mexico; and

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4 WHEREAS, increased security measures can decrease the amount of retail  
5 convenience store crimes,

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7 NOW THEREFORE,  
8 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND COMMERCE OF THE  
9 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

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11 THAT the House Committee on Insurance and Commerce study without  
12 limitation the following:

13 (1) The best policies and practices for increased security  
14 measures to protect employees and consumers at retail convenience stores;

15 (2) The best policies and practices to reduce the incidents of  
16 violent crime at retail convenience stores between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and  
17 6:00 a.m.;

18 (3) Any recommendations for mandating minimum increased security  
19 measures to decrease violent crime at retail convenience stores including  
20 without limitation:

21 (A) Require a minimum of two (2) employees on the premises  
22 of a retail convenience store between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.;

23 (B) Require a security camera system capable of recording  
24 and retrieving an image to assist in offender identification and  
25 apprehension;

26 (C) Have a drop safe or cash management device for  
27 restricted access to cash receipts and post a conspicuous notice to this  
28 effect at the retail convenience store;

29 (D) Maintain a lighted parking lot illuminated at an  
30 intensity of at least two (2) foot-candle per square foot at eighteen inches  
31 (18") above the parking lot's surface;

32 (E) Post a conspicuous notice at the entrance of the  
33 retail convenience store that states that the cash register contains fifty  
34 dollars (\$50) or less;

1 (F) Maintain window signage that allows a clear and  
2 unobstructed view from outside the building and in a normal line of sight of  
3 the cash register and sales transaction area;

4 (G) Install height markers at the entrance of the retail  
5 convenience store that displays height measures for offender identification;

6 (H) Develop a cash management policy to limit the amount  
7 of cash on hand at all times after 9:00 p.m.;

8 (I) Conduct regular employee training;

9 (J) Maintain a silent alarm to law enforcement or a  
10 private security agency; and

11 (K) Lock the business premises throughout the hours of  
12 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. and only transact business through an indirect pass-  
13 through trough, trapdoor, or window;

14 (4) The benefits or drawbacks of implementing minimum increased  
15 security measures at retail convenience stores, including costs and training;

16 (5) The impacts of decreasing incidents of violent crime at  
17 retail convenience stores to the state;

18 (6) Future areas of concern regarding mandating minimum  
19 increased security measures at retail convenience stores; and

20 (7) The development of best practices and standards concerning  
21 minimum increased security measures to decrease incidents of violent crime at  
22 retail convenience stores.

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25 Respectfully submitted,

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