

MNESTA in Washington DC

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MNESTA's Government Relations Representative, David Fisch and incoming president Wendy Youngren attended the ESA sponsored Day on the Hill Event visiting with the Minnesota members of congress.

Job one this 2013 congressional session is the passage of our background check bill, HR-1441, The Electronic Life Safety and Security System Federal Background Check Act. HR-1441 directs the Attorney General to permit our industry access to the FBI database and to provide employers with relevant criminal history information on a voluntary basis.

Many other industries access this background check the alarm industry is long overdue in acquiring the same access.

Over the three years that this bill has been presented, all issues and concerns outlined by the Justice Department and the FBI have been worked out and there is no opposition to it from these departments. Now we must get the bill through the House and Senate Judiciary Committees to the respective chamber floors and a positive vote.

To that end Wendy and David visited six of our US House members, seeing appropriate aides as well as Congressmen Kline, Paulsen and Walz. Our goal was to explain the necessity of HR-1441 and to secure co-sponsors to the bill. Congressman Paulsen has already signed on and we believe will be able to secure most all of our house members.

We have worked extensively with counsels to the Senate Judiciary Committee for Senators Franken and Klobuchar, both of whom are members of the Judiciary Committee and believe they will support the bill.

The work is far from over and we will continue to work to get this bill passed. We also ask you to contact your member of congress and ask for their support. Please contact your representatives today!

If you have any questions, please contact:

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