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## Let's Spring into Action

'e're back! Well, most of us. Slowly but surely, we are beginning to see the country reopen. That also includes Congress and the state legislatures. And they are busy! Currently, NCISS is monitoring multiple efforts in several states to limit access to public records including DMV information. In addition, we are seeing a number of data privacy acts being introduced at the state level. Virginia has recently passed its version which appears to be favorable for our profession. Virginia is now the second state to pass such a bill following California's recent California Consumer Privacy Act. As states consider varying positions on their



data bills, we are likely to see a more concerted bill and effort at the federal level.

NCISS held an open national town hall early in the year. The attendance was outstanding and has resulted in dozens of members joining our ranks. We are very excited to see such enthusiasm. In addition, we have held interstate legislative strategy sessions in our Legislative Advisory Board that meets regularly. Finally, we recently were able to present to the "Big Three" webinar. That included a good crowd of Texas, California and Florida investigators.

As conventions begin to pop up over the summer, NCISS will be attending several to help spread the mission of educating and rallying those in our profession to legislative challenges. If you are in leadership in your state or national association, please consider joining NCISS and reaching out to see if our shared groups can collaborate for the success of all.

Over the next couple of months, NCISS members will have access to a members-only legislative town hall presentation. That information will be on our member sections and will be broadcast shortly. Our mid-term meeting is, unfortunately, a remote Zoom meeting because of COVID and other restrictions. However, it is very likely that we will get a chance to reunite in the Capital in Fall in a live Hit-the-Hill. I would encourage you to attend the meeting and participate in the Capital. NCISS's signature event is a blast and DC is a fun town to visit.

Finally, as always, we need volunteers to help us monitor and report on legislation in each state and in Congress. If you have an interest in being involved, please contact me directly at wes@ beardenonline.com. Many hands make light work!

Wes Bearden, NCISS President

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