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Fred W. Bittner, Chief of Police

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The Honorable Representative Ron Young
77 S. High Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Young:

My name is Fred Bittner and I am the Chief of Police in the City of Mayfield Heights. I am writing in support of HB 427; Community and Faith-Based Addiction Recovery Bill.

As an avid promoter of community based policing, I passionately support all avenues of addiction recovery up to and including faith-based programs. Far too often our officers are called upon to initiate life-saving measures of overdose by the administration of Naloxone. I believe that having programs available to those seeking assistance is crucial in fighting this epidemic.

In addition to providing the program itself, I support the grant program which will provide transportation vouchers to those seeking assistance. I feel the attendance rate would increase should this be provided to those who could not otherwise afford the cost of transportation.

In an effort for these programs to be successful, creating a grant program that provides capital funds for Faith-Based Recovery Centers is essential. Having the most powerful forces in our culture is undoubtedly indispensable.

The Mayfield Heights Police Department, in conjunction with the SPAN (Suburban Police Anti-Crime Network), currently supports Safe Passages; a local recovery program. In an effort to help fight the war on drugs, I strongly encourage and request your support of HB 427.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred W. Bittner".

Fred W. Bittner
Chief of Police

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Mayfield Heights Police is to efficiently provide quality police service to our residents and visitors by promoting a safe environment through a police-citizen partnership, with emphasis on mutual trust, integrity and professionalism.