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Chairman Manning  
House Criminal Justice Committee  
Ohio Statehouse  
Columbus, OH 43215

May 21, 2018

Dear Chairman Manning and Members of the House Criminal Justice  
Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Ohio Community Corrections Association to offer up concern regarding the cost of Substitute House Bill 365. We are a trade association representing halfway houses and non-profit run CBCFs around Ohio that work with both individuals re-entering local communities from prison and those who are being diverted from ever entering prison. Our agencies provide a range of community corrections programs including residential, day reporting, electronic and GPS monitoring, mental health and substance abuse treatment and work release.

The Ohio Community Corrections Association extends heart-felt condolences to the family of Reagan Tokes on their tragic loss. We appreciate the Legislature's response to prevent this from happening again in our state and that House Bill 365 is an attempt to have systems collaborate in a way that is thoughtful and deliberate.

However, in a recent Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission committee meeting, the implementation costs of the newest version of the bill were discussed as well as the fiscal impact that it would have on an already overburdened system. The proposed changes in the substitute version of HB 365 will require more prisons and beds that will add substantial capital and annual operating costs which need to be taken into consideration.

Moreover, the Ohio Controlling Board will transfer over \$25 million today from community programs (non residential, halfway houses and TCAP) to institutional operations to address over capacity in prisons. Note that Texas, one of the most conservative states in the nation, and others continue to see correctional population declines and reinvest their penal dollars in more pro-social programming; Ohio continues to go the other direction.

Please know that we remain concerned about the impact that this bill will have on corrections and rehabilitation. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. We welcome any questions on this matter; kindly direct those to Kelly O'Reilly at Governmental Policy Group at (614) 461-9335 or to the association staff via phone call at 614-252-8417.

Respectfully,

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