

Witness for Proponent Testimony  
-HB 3 Aisha Law

I am writing this testimony to express the importance of –HB3 Aisha’s Law. According to Ohio Domestic Violence Network fatality review, there were 116 fatalities spanning from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. These unnecessary deaths due to domestic violence are evidence of an overwhelming public safety issue. The victims include women, men, children, law enforcement, and bystanders.

Aisha Mason Fraser, my beloved colleague’s life was ended due to domestic violence. In my opinion, Aisha and other victims suffered in silence! Even though, Aisha did everything to remain safe, the laws were not strong enough to protect her from this hideous crime. Women are dying by the hands of their intimate partners. –HB 3 Aisha’s Law is designed for greater protection to victims of intimate partner abuse.

-HB 3 Aisha’s Law will unite law enforcement, courts, and communities to create a continuum of protection for victims of domestic violence. This partnership will create safer communities across the state, and help protect our law enforcement who often too are victims to most of these lethal calls. Aisha’s Law will require our local partner to establish a domestic violence High Risk Team, which will consist of at least two persons; law enforcement and the courts, to help keep the victim safe. A screening tool is used to investigate, assess and determine lethality of the situation for referral to the High Risk Team. However, if a victim has been choked by a perpetrator, the situation is predetermined lethal. This law will allow 24/7 access to get protection order signed. If children are present during the domestic violence, it will guarantee Child Endangerment charges. If this law is passed it will create safer communities, and ultimately save lives. Please give consideration to –HB 3 Aisha’s Law.

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