

Chair Lang, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Leland, thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony in support of House Bill 299.

- My name is Brian Klak and I have been a Corrections Officer since 2005. Being an Correction Officer is a very dangerous and unpredictable job. We aren't recognized nor protected yet we deal with dangers daily. What Representative Greenspan is trying to do is needed for all Corrections Officers in the State of Ohio. I have been attacked in my career and the attackers merely get a slap on the wrist. We need more protection, more penalties and to be recognized for the thankless / dangerous job we do. This bill is a step in the right direction and is needed to deter and punish people from harming Corrections Officers.