



OHIO ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, INC.

Testimony in Support of HB 106
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Representing the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police

Chair Green, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee.

My name is Bruce Pijanowski. I am the Chief of Police for the City of Delaware and I represent the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. I am here today on behalf of OACP in support of House Bill 106. This legislation proposes to modernize Ohio's young driver licensing system with the following small but important adjustments:

- Lengthen the Temporary Instruction Permit from 6 to 12 months
- Begin the nighttime supervised driving protection for newly licensed drivers at 10 p.m., rather than midnight.

A modern young driver licensing system is a proven effective strategy for reducing teen driver crashes and making travel safer for all road users. Ohio's current system has not kept up with the latest research on preventing teen crashes. As a result, young driver crash rates in Ohio remain unnecessarily high and have rapidly increased. Ohio is currently seventh in the country for the highest number of teen driver fatality and injury crashes.

Expanding the permit phase ensures every new teen driver has the chance to practice driving in all weather conditions with an adult. We also know that 75 percent of young driver nighttime crashes occur between 9 p.m. and midnight. A 10 p.m. nighttime driving restriction helps ensure that newly licensed teen drivers develop the skills they need to cope with the dangers of driving at night.

Passing H.B. 106 will modernize Ohio's young driver licensing system, provide teens with greater protection, give their parents more peace of mind, and make the roads safer for everyone. A modern young driver licensing system keeps Ohio's teens, families and communities safe and strong. The Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police appreciates your consideration and urges you to support House Bill 106.

Thank you for your consideration and for allowing me to provide testimony to the committee today.