



# County Auditors' Association of Ohio

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The Honorable Kevin Bacon  
Chairman, Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee  
1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Bacon:

On behalf of the County Auditors' Association of Ohio (CAAO) I offer our support for the changes in SB 195, currently pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee that requires a county dog warden, instead of a county auditor, to issue dangerous dog registrations and administer the law governing dangerous dog registration certificates (ORC 955.223(B); 955.224). These changes have been sought by both the CAAO and County Dog Wardens' Association and appropriately place the administration of dangerous dog tags with county dog wardens. County Dog Wardens are in the best position to determine whether the specific statutory requirements for harboring a dangerous dog are being met. County Auditors will continue to license most dogs under current and continuing law.

Because these changes best serve the interests of the public in providing protection from dangerous dogs, the CAAO supports this legislation.

Sincerely yours,

Frances S. Lesser  
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cc: Senator Bill Beagle