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**Proponent Testimony –SB 76
Senate Judiciary Committee
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Chairman Bacon, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, on behalf of Ohio Farm Bureau, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill 76.

Our members try their utmost to mark their property's boundary lines but it can be a laborious task to post "no trespassing" signs around large acreage. SB 76 will give farmers the easier and cheaper alternative of notifying potential trespassers of their property lines. It is easier to use a spray can to mark a tree than it is to nail or secure "no trespassing" signs.

As the committee can imagine, our members have numerous experiences with trespassers. These can range from ATV riders, trail users, hunters or even people canoeing on a navigable waterway along property that our members own. While trespassers do innocently tread onto farm property, some do so with malicious intent that leads to field and crop damage or theft. Regardless of the trespasser's intent, SB 76 provides another way for our members to give notice to the public, which in turn, by operation of the statute, can be used to evidence a trespassing charge.

Thank you again for the opportunity to present written testimony in support of SB 76.