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Kevin L. Miller Executive Director Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities 150 East Campus View Boulevard Columbus, OH 43235

Dear Director Miller,

The OCALI Advisory Board is pleased to lend its support to legislation that enhances the ability for a law enforcement officer or first responder to more effectively engage and properly assist an individual whose disability may impact their ability to communicate.

This legislation will afford greater transparency and ensure that law enforcement officers and first responders have adequate knowledge of potential communication difficulties which, in turn, will provide a more positive interaction and appropriate outcome.

We are appreciative of Gov. John Kasich and his administration's continued support for policies that improve the lives and opportunities for persons with disabilities, notably autism spectrum disorder (ASD), across their lifespans.

Sincerely,

Reginald Fields

OCALI Advisory Board Chair



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