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Dear Director Miller,

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As the Executive Director of the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI), I am very eager to support legislation that will heighten the capacity of law enforcement officers to interact with individuals who may have difficulty communicating. This legislation will not only afford officers with the knowledge of potential communication difficulties, but will also provide a more positive experience between the individual with a communication disability and law enforcement.

OCALI is pleased with the continued support of the Kasich Administration toward polices that enhance the lives and opportunities of individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and low incidence disabilities across the lifespan. As a leader in ASD across the state, OCALI in conjunction with our state agencies, has developed resources, including professional development opportunities and online learning trainings, focusing on improving the quality of lives of individuals with disabilities and providing the needed tools and skills to those who support them. Please let me know how OCALI can support these efforts in the future.

Sincerely,

Shawn Henry Executive Director