



Testimony In Support of HB 405

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Thank you for the opportunity to write on behalf of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police in strong support of House Bill 405 to incorporate "Counterfeiting" into Ohio Revised Code chapter 2913.30.

My name is Brandon Standley and I currently serve as President of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, representing over 450 active members across our great State. I would like to submit this testimony in support of this bill.

The United States Secret Service has historically teamed up with local law enforcement agencies to fight counterfeiting. House Bill 405 will make it easier and less confusing for local law enforcement agencies to pursue counterfeiting charges against those who are perpetrating such crimes without necessarily needing to coordinate with the United States Secret Service. By passing this legislation, agencies across Ohio will benefit by being able to simplify local charges and pursue criminal enterprises more effectively.

Counterfeiting has been a decades old criminal enterprise that preys on victims of all types. Whether it is a business that is simply trying to keep their doors open to provide local services, or a private citizen caught up in possessing fake bills unknowingly, counterfeiting crimes are serious. Periodically, many communities across Ohio battle this type of financial crime. With the rise of drug use, counterfeiting also seems to rise. This is made possible by criminals simply purchasing color printers and good paper, then making fake bills to spread into the local economy. These bills, if not all collected simultaneously, then spread across transactions. This then makes it harder and harder to protect our communities of such a scheme. Each time a fake bill passes through, the number of victims increases.

The Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police strongly supports this bill thanks those who have brought it forward.

Thank you for accepting my testimony and please let me know if you have any questions.