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Proponent Testimony -- SB 231

Chairman Manning. Members of the House Criminal Justice Committee.

I appear before you today as the Sheriff of Wood County and Past President of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association. This bill will be a very useful tool for us to know where past convicted violent offenders live. The statewide data base gives us a head start in the early stages of an investigation. We know, especially with abductions and kidnappings, the sooner we can find the victim the greater the likelihood they will be found alive. The first 24 to 36 hours are critical. This is key to the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association making its endorsement of Senate Bill 231

As I testified in the Senate, I again testify today with the message that "knowledge is power." The bill provides knowledge for law enforcement for the first time in Ohio to have better information to protect the public safety. And, for the citizens we are sworn to serve, first-time available knowledge to help them be more aware of potential safety issues in their communities.

The Buckeye State Sheriff's Association asks you to support Senate Bill 231.