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Honorable Ryan Smith
Chairman, House Finance Committee
Riffe Center, 13th floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee,

This Association supports Sub. HB 318 and the amendments under consideration today. The amendments being offered today will empower both local school districts and local law enforcement to assist in creating a safer environment for students while attending classes.

The provisions allowing training on a local or regional arena will ensure that more law enforcement officers will be trained at the same level and more efficiently. The training provided will be for law enforcement officers and their certification to handle school safety, active shooter, and interaction with students K-12.

Providing funding for long term physical facilities will enhance needed upgrades that vary from school district to school district and school to school. Training of mental health professionals has also been identified as a use for the Grant dollars.

This legislation, when enacted, will pave the way for better training and more secure school facilities.

PAST PRESIDENTS CURRENT SHERIFFS

2017
Mark Wasylshyn
Wood County

2016
Randy Thorp
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2015
Gene Fischer
Greene County

2013
E. Wayne Risner
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2012
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2010
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2007
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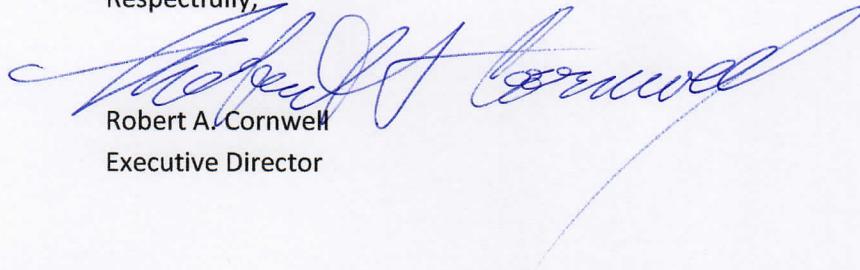
2004
Michael E. Heidman
Hancock County

1997
Michael R. Hetzel
Wyandot County

1982
John R. Lenhart
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Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I appreciate your time and consideration of Sub. HB 318 and will make myself available for any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Cornwell", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

Robert A. Cornwell
Executive Director