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Honorable Bob D. Hackett
Senator – District 10
1 Capitol Square, Ground Fl., Rm. 040
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: SB 20

Dear Senator Hackett:

Please accept this letter in support of Senate Bill 20 that you have introduced and I understand is scheduled for a hearing on February 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. before the Senate Judiciary Committee. I hoped to be able to testify in support of your Bill but found that I will be unable to do so as I have a previously scheduled attendance at an opiate symposium, which you are aware is a serious problem in Ohio.

I fully support your Bill and both as Franklin County Prosecutor and within the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association have advocated enhanced penalties or a specification to add mandatory time for offenses of violence that cause such serious harm and injuries to crime victims that the penalties provided under current law are inadequate to penalize and provide justice. The recent case in Franklin County where Michael Slager doused Judy Malinowski in gasoline and set her on fire caused me to renew the effort to increase penalties in these type of cases. While I am unavailable Tuesday, Bonnie Bowes who is Judy's mother, will contact your office to schedule her testimony.

I look forward to working with you and Chairman Bacon as the Bill moves through the Senate.

Very truly yours,

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