



Community Based Correctional Facilities

**Eastern Ohio Correctional Center
Wintersville, OH**

Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Guernsey,
Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, Noble

**Franklin County CBCF
Columbus, OH**

Franklin

**Lucas County Correctional
Treatment Facility**

Toledo, OH

Lucas

**MonDay Community Correctional
Institution**

Dayton, OH

Darke, Green, Miami, Montgomery,
Preble, Fayette

NEOCAP

Warren, OH

Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake,
Portage, Trumbull

**NorthWest Community Corrections Center
Bowling Green, OH**

Defiance, Fulton, Henry,
Williams, Wood

**STAR Community Justice Center
Franklin Furnace, OH**

Adams, Brown, Clinton, Highland,
Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross,
Scioto

**Stark Regional Community
Correction Center**

Louisville, OH

Holmes, Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne

**West Central Community Correctional Facility
Marysville, OH**

Champaign, Clark, Delaware, Logan,
Madison, Marion, Morrow, Union

W.O.R.T.H. Center

Lima, OH

Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer,
Putnam, Paulding, Shelby, Van Wert

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Good morning Chairman Bacon, Vice Chairman Dolan, Ranking Member Thomas and members of the Senate Judiciary committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 66. My name is Gene Gallo and I am the Executive Director of the Eastern Ohio Correctional Center and member of CorJus. CorJus is a professional trade association that represents most of Ohio's publicly operated Community Based Correctional Facilities (CBCFs) across Ohio.

The first CBCF in Ohio dates was created in 1978 and was established to be locally controlled. Today, CBCFs serve all 88 counties in Ohio and provide residential treatment to over 7,400 offenders each year, as well as several thousand more in a variety of outpatient programs. With today's prison population in excess of 50,000 inmates, CBCFs and all Community Corrections programs are an excellent resource for reducing the prison population.

CBCF's provide evidenced-based programmatic intervention in the community for eligible felony offenders. The programming includes education, job training, cognitive behavioral therapy, family outreach and substance abuse treatment during the term of their sentence, all aimed to rehabilitate the individual and strengthen our communities. While an offender is incarcerated in a CBCF, the offender is mandated to complete a rigorous treatment regimen. Throughout incarceration they are taught skills to deal with drug and alcohol addiction, change criminal behavior, obtain a GED and receive assistance in finding viable employment. These services are all provided by well-trained, certified counselors and teachers.

With Ohio's fight against the opiate epidemic, Senate Bill 66 is important because it focuses on reducing the overcrowded prison population by keeping low-level, nonviolent offenders in the community under strict supervision methods while providing the treatment services. CBCFs are uniquely qualified and have a proven track record in successfully addressing this difficult issue. We have the facilities, certified providers and proven success stories to be a leader on the front lines in attacking this difficult issue. CorJus and its member CBCFs are available as a resource in answering your questions about treating addiction and the best ways to rehabilitate lower level offenders in the community while making Ohio a safer and better place to live.

Thank you again for allowing me to testify. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.