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Senate Bill 231

Chairman Bacon. Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

I write this testimony as the Sheriff of Wood County and 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 data base gives us a head start in the early stages of an investigation. We know with abductions and kidnappings the sooner we can find the victim the greater the likelihood they will be found alive. The first 24-36 hours are critical.

Earlier this year I testified personally before the committee with a message of "knowledge is power." 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.

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