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Representative Joseph W. Uecker, Chair
Local Government, Public Safety, and Veterans Affairs Committee
State House
1 Capitol Square, 1st Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Uecker:

The Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) is a membership-driven association of Ohio's county Public Children Services Agencies that advocates for and promotes child protection program excellence and sound public policy for safe children, stable families, and supportive communities.

We are writing in support of SB86 designating May 25th as Ohio National Missing Children's Day. This country was horrified nearly 40 years ago when 6 year-old Etan Patz went missing on May 25th. His face, which was the first to be placed on a milk carton as a means of search efforts, was a frightening reminder to parents that not all children get the opportunity to grow up and lead safe, productive lives. Since then, that fateful day has been deemed National Missing Children's Day.

This legislation would bring more awareness to the issue of missing children and aligns with our mission of child safety. We appreciate Senator Hackett's commitment to recognizing the missing children in our state and the tireless efforts dedicated to finding them.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Senator Bob Hackett