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Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee
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Dear Chairman Uecker,

As Clerk of Cleveland Municipal Court, I have coordinated an aggressive community outreach program during the last eight years that has been very successful in restoring people to legal status as drivers. We have particularly been successful with individuals who have outstanding warrants, limited income, and little hope of becoming legal drivers again.

One of the effective tools in getting those people back into productive lives has been our interaction with Court Community Service. It allows those who are unemployed or on low incomes a way of satisfying court fines. Because our office communicates regularly with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles as do all Clerk of Courts offices throughout the state, it would not be difficult for us to document and communicate to the B.M.V. when individuals have completed work service requirements to satisfy reinstatement fees.

I support Senate Bill 160. It would give us one more tool to help people drive legally again so they can participate fully in our community and support their families.

Sincerely,

Earle B. Turner
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