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For the Government Oversight and Reform Committee

Good Afternoon.

Chairman Senator Bill Coley

Vice Chair Matt Huffman

Ranking Member Senator Hearcel Craig

Distinguished members of the Government Oversight and Reform Committee, I thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

My name is Becky Gaytko and I have the privilege of serving as the current president of the Ohio Crime Prevention Association. The Ohio Crime Prevention Association (OCPA) is a not-for-profit organization representing public-and private-sector crime prevention partners across the state, and, is the nation’s largest state crime prevention association. OCPA represents a diverse membership including law enforcement agencies, businesses leaders, faith communities and residential crime prevention organizations.

OCPA was established on the foundation that crime can be prevented and we are committed to the development and advancement of a continuum of educational opportunities in crime prevention and community policing to help make all of our communities’ safer places to live, work, and play.

Adoption of this bill is a good beginning in balancing the diversity of thought about how best to prevent crime though good public policy. As the professional voice of crime prevention in Ohio, Ohio Crime Prevention Association supports the Strong Ohio bill.