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Senator Theresa Gavarone

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Columbus, OH 43215

On behalf of the Wood County Fraternal Order of Police, I am writing in support of your bill you are proposing that would enhance the level of charges for drug trafficking in and around drug treatment centers.

The number of individuals seeking treatment has seen an increase in recent years. With this increase in individuals seeking treatment, there is also an increase in individuals selling drugs. These drug dealers' prey on those individuals attempting to remain drug free by attending drug treatment programs. These drug dealers are making contact with them as they are coming out of treatment centers. The dealers realize that they are trying to remain drug free, however, are easily convinced to purchase and use drugs. Having laws that would hold these drug dealers more accountable for preying on those seeking treatment would be very beneficial to law enforcement.

I foresee having the ability to enhance the level of felony for these drug dealers would keep them away from the treatment centers. This will in turn give those seeking treatment a much better chance of remaining clean and sober. Your efforts in pushing this Bill through would certainly be a benefit to our communities.

Sincerely

State Parole Officer Dan Van Vorhis

President

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