

Taneisha Head and I am here on behalf of the Ohio organizing collaborative I am happy to have this opportunity to share my view on the Senate Bill 3 as a mother and a member of the Cleveland Community I feel it is very necessary for legislative reform when it comes to drug conviction and sentencing one of the main reason is because our communities suffer from lack of Rehabilitation and I mean extensive treatment and Rehabilitation we live in a society where we build new shopping centers and plazas but not treatment facilities and programs that are needed for people that struggle with drug addiction this is a community health issue and should be treated as such and acknowledge during conviction and sentencing as a result we experience a higher population in jails and prisons for non-violent offenders this contributes to a revolving door a crime evicted people have a hard time getting jobs they resort to other methods of survival which most time say them either in a depression state of mind which normally results back to addiction or other criminal activities to survive not to mention the stress of incarceration triggers other mental health disorders such as depression and anxiety these are mental health issues that require treatment and sufficient Rehabilitation the money spent to fund imprisonment could be positively used to rebuild and restructure our communities these community health issues if left untreated results and multiple health issues from heart disease lung disease cancer bipolar and paranoid schizophrenia as well as behavioral issues and learning disabilities these issues developed differently and people as people process stress and Trauma differently how can we build a nation a society a community a neighborhood without building one another we can't how are yous are suffering from broken homes which country abuse to higher adverse childhood experiences I'm sure you probably agree that our children is our future and 25 to 50 years from now we Leave this planet to them. But in what condition ? This should be our focus . The reality is that incarceration is a very traumatic experience for the entire family dynamic Mother's father's and especially children . With the drug epidemic that has plagued our communities we are seeing a higher juvenile incarceration rate as well as IEP's also a higher rate of children In Foster care from being removed by DCFS . When children are separated from love ones it causes yet even more trauma . This is something that occurs due to the absence of parents in jail and struggling with addiction . We have to all be held accountable and play a part in a positive and beneficial reform to enact legislation for our entire state we are one and are all affected when our children are affected. I feel this bill lacks specifics and should be more detailed . I truly thank you for your time and this opportunity

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