

Thank you for allowing me to address this committee today and for coordinating schedules so that I was able to travel from Florida to do this in person in both bodies of legislature on the same day. My husband was not able to be with me this time, but we stand united in our fight for change and what I speak about today is coming from our unified front. I just happen to be standing in Ohio and he in Florida.

I am not going to spend much of my time sharing with you all the horrific details of the tragedy that occurred. The story of what happened to mine and my husband Toby's daughter Reagan. I know is not new news to any of you. We have been very public with our story and while that has been very painful and difficult, there has been a purpose for it. Reagan's life mattered and so do the lives of all the other innocent victims of violence. I refuse to let violence and evil be the defining legacy of her short time here on earth.

Our love for Reagan and for wanting to help others is the fuel that drives us, along with our faith, to have the courage and strength to forge forward. We are now the voice for her life and all those lives who were also tragically lost before and after her. Her death was preventable, and our family made a vow very soon after learning all the details of the multiple failures of the judicial system, ODRC, Adult Parole Authority and Transitional Housing in the state of Ohio, that we would pursue positive change to what currently exists and would not stop until we are successful.

Together we have made significant change and progress with the passing of the first portion of the Reagan Tokes Act/Senate Bill 201 and the way it changed indefinite sentencing. Many of you were part of that change and I thank you for that. For those of you who are now just joining the push, I hope we can count on your support. We have improved only half the equation from our efforts so far, as phase one, without phase two is incomplete and doesn't close the circle of failure. There is still work to be done to pass Senate Bill 133 and/or House Bill 215 to bring the Reagan Tokes Act to full fruition. Ankle monitors need to be monitored in real time and have immediate consequences for violations. Parole officers need a reduction in case load, so those who are released are being properly monitored by them and don't continue to slip thru the cracks.

The technology exists to effectively monitor ankle devices in real time, and it is beyond time that this is enacted. The general assumption from the public, whose taxpayer dollars fund this program, is that these devices are a preventative measure and are keeping them safe from those released who are intent on still doing evil. We all know this is not true and their money is going towards a failing program that is providing a false sense of security. The money for this program might as well be being thrown out the window because as this program currently exists, it is pointless. I know this to be true because the person who took our daughter from us had several documented ankle monitor violations which should have led to his reincarceration. Instead, nothing was done, there were no

consequences and he continued to inflict violence and terror into the community and ultimately took our daughter from us in the vilest way. Do you any idea what we go through daily and will for the rest of our lives, knowing that what happened to our daughter was completely preventable and she lost her life because this monster, the ODRC, the Adult Parole Authority and the Transitional Housing Program failed? They all had a level of responsibility for this violent offender and they all failed. If indefinite sentencing was in place previously, she would still be with us. If ankle monitoring was done in real time, she would still be with us. If parole officers could effectively monitor and manage their caseload, she would still be with us. If the transitional housing program was staffed accordingly with a checks and balance system, she would still be with us. If, if, if, enough with the if's, it is time to ACT.

I am sure many of you have mothers, wives, daughters, nieces or important females in your life and you could never imagine having the system fail them in the way it did Reagan-especially not when you are sitting in a position of power to do something about it.

I implore you to get behind this second phase of the Reagan Tokes Act and vote it into law swiftly. It literally is a matter of life and death and how many more lives must be lost before appropriate action, that is long overdue, is taken? Now is the time for the state of Ohio and its elected officials to step and up

be a leader for change that is proactive and show the rest of the country what it means to serve and protect the public.

Thank you for your time.