

Dear Chairman Eklund,

I am reaching out to you regarding Senate Bill 145 - Create theft of a telephone number/misleading caller ID offenses that is on tomorrow's agenda of the Judiciary Committee.

The 90,000 members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Department of Ohio and the Auxiliary respectfully urge you to support Senate Bill 145, which would create the offenses of "theft for conversion of a telephone number or exchange", and "providing misleading caller identification information" in a similar effort to provide relief to Ohioans who are receiving similar calls and to protect those whose phone numbers have been used fraudulently. The offense generally is a fifth degree felony, but if the victim is an elderly person, disabled adult, active duty service member, or spouse of an active duty service member, the offense is a fourth degree felony.

The members of the VFW and Auxiliary (of Ohio) support this legislation because it will fight fraudulent activity against active duty families and the elderly. The bill was introduced in May of last year and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, where it still sits.

Please support this important legislation.

Thank you,

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