

Chairman LaRe, Vice Chairman Swearingen and Ranking Member Leland,

This is a written testimony against House Bill 22. The idea that one would not be able to find out so many important things involving police in action is truly stunning. There have been many times, especially recently, that make this especially significant-the most notable being the murders of George Floyd and Daunte Wright. People all over America would never be able to find out about this horrific occasion and to think that officers Derek Chauvin and Kim Potter would never be held accountable for their actions.

In the future, if this were to pass and become law, this could cause much higher rates of police violence yet nobody would ever notice. All of the people who could lose their lives for no particular reason in the state of Ohio and the police officers who had taken those said lives would potentially never face justice and never be known as what they really are: murderers. It shouldn't have to be a partisan issue whether a police officer was just 'doing their job' after they had killed someone while on duty. There is always a way to keep the person detained that does not include taking their life, even in the most severe of cases.

Thank you,
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