



Ohio Small Business Council

September 29, 2021

The Honorable Jeff LaRe
Chairman, Ohio House Criminal Justice Committee
77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Written Testimony in Support of House Bill 116

Chairman LaRe:

On behalf of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and our thousands of members, I am writing you to lend our support for House Bill 116; legislation that would create the Computer Crimes Act.

Our support for HB 116 comes from the Ohio Small Business Council which serves as one of the nine standing committees within the Ohio Chamber. Members of this committee are owners of for-profit companies with under five-hundred employees that operate in the state of Ohio. Many times, they bring up cybersecurity concerns and this bill seeks to modernize how computer crimes are charged.

HB 116 provides another tool in the toolbox for law enforcement as they seek to weed out bad actors, protect personal data, and protect small businesses who may not have all the resources available to do this on their own.

Thank you, Chair LaRe, for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House Bill 116. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 614-228-4201 or kevinboehner@ohiochamber.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Boehner".

Kevin Boehner

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Ohio Chamber of Commerce