

Senate Judiciary Committee

Proponent Testimony

Ohio Senate Bill 182

Written Testimony Only

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Dear Chairman Manning, Ranking Member Cecil Thomas, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

My name is Mary Huck and I am a resident of Lakewood in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony on Ohio Senate Bill 182.

I believe that bail bonds are discriminatory to the poor, and generally have nothing to do with public safety. Detaining people also is wasteful of the taxpayers money. Time spent away from jobs, home and family during pre-trial detention is very damaging punishment in itself, and can ruin the lives of an already marginalized family. We need more compassion in our criminal justice system. Indeed, pre-trial folks are not convicted criminals and shouldn't be treated as such.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote yes on this critically important bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.