

Dear Senator Manning, Vice Chair McColey, Ranking Member Thomas, and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Substitute SB202. The National Federation of the blind of Ohio represents hundreds of blind people from around the state of Ohio and in every legislative district. We brought the need for this legislation to the attention of then Representative Erica Crawley in 2019. In 2021 we reached out to Senators Antonio and Hackett respectively. We have worked with various interest groups and organizations to address a variety of concerns as the bill as moved through the committee. We are all in support of the current substitute bill.