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## **SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Senate Bill 63 -- Proponent testimony**

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Chair Gavarone, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Maharath, and members of the Senate Local Government and Elections Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for Senate Bill 63, which allows a county probation department to accept credit card payments from offenders. Revised Code Section 301.28 currently authorizes a county to adopt a resolution to accept credit card payments for various county officials, including clerk of courts. SB 63 would create additional flexibility by allowing the payments to be made directly to a probation department itself. This change will enhance the ability of offenders to pay any fees or fines and to make restitution to victims. Continuing law allows the county to specify that the costs of any credit card fees are the responsibility of the user.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony. We thank the sponsor, Senator O'Brien, for bringing this legislation forward, and urge the committee to favorably report Senate Bill 63.



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