

Chairwoman Abrams, Vice Chair Williams, Ranking Member Brown, and to all of the members of the House Criminal Justice Committee, I would like to thank you for allowing me to testify today.

My name is Wiley Butler, and I have been umpiring for 17 years with Columbus park and recreation. I was assaulted on April 18th, and it changed my life. When it comes to umpiring, I don't feel safe anymore and feel that there's no respect, and I will never umpire for park and recreation again. This is a sport that I have played since I was 10 years old in Cleveland, and that night changed everything for me.

Thank you for your time, and I will be happy to answer any questions.