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To:

Ohio Representative Gary Click- District 88

Ohio Representative Brian Lorenz- District 60

Members of the Ohio House- Homeland Security Committee

My name is Eric Burt and I am a Deputy with the Sandusky County Sheriff's Office and the School Resource Officer for the Bellevue City Schools. I am writing this letter expressing my full support for the proposed H.B. 321: To Enact Section 128.29 of the Revised Code to Establish a Statewide 9-1-1 Special Needs Database.

This proposed legislation will allow individuals with special needs to enroll in the electronic statewide 9-1-1 system. Being in Law Enforcement for almost 25 years, I know first-hand how important and critical the interaction between first responders and individuals with special needs is and can be, including developmental disabilities and/or mental illness. The information a law enforcement officer could be provided with in the moment of an incident or traffic stop for instance, would be incredibly valuable! This proposed Special Needs Database will also be very beneficial for the safety of individuals with special needs and the safety of everyone, including law enforcement!

I am asking for your support regarding H.B. 321. If you have any question, please contact me at my office 419-484-5093 or email: [eric.burt@bellevueschools.org](mailto:eric.burt@bellevueschools.org) or [eburt@sanduskycountyoh.gov](mailto:eburt@sanduskycountyoh.gov).

Thank You for your time,



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