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House Finance Subcommittee on Agriculture, Development, and Natural Resources

House Bill 33 Testimony

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Chairman Jones; thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 33.

Established in 1977, the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee (CIIC) is a bipartisan joint committee of the General Assembly that is required by code to inspect, evaluate, and report on Ohio's adult and juvenile correctional facilities every biennium. The line item reflected in this budget allows the committee to maintain appropriate staffing levels to effectively assist Committee members in fulfilling these statutory obligations.

There is no other oversight and evaluation entity that analyzes the entirety of institutions' functions and offers opportunities to create future successes. Last General Assembly staff saved both departments incalculable sums of funds through identification of policy deficiencies, functional part changes, and program evaluations.

The CIIC serves the legislature by providing comprehensive oversight, in depth analysis and consultation, and constituent services. In the 134th biennium, 8,426 concerns were received, a rate of 16 per day, from or regarding 1,847 incarcerated offenders.

The CIIC requests no changes to the current budget language. The flat funding, as well as the unspent forwarded funds from costs savings, will allow us to invest in future cost saving measures and not require a budget increase for two additional General Assemblies.

Thank you for your service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Albanese".

Christopher Albanese,
Executive Director