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Senator Nathan Manning
Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee
Sent by Email

Senator Michele Reynolds
Vice Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee
Sent by Email

Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson (ranking member)
Senate Judiciary Committee
Sent by Email

Re: Support for Ohio House Bill 322

Dear Senators Manning, Reynolds, and Hicks-Hudson:

We are representatives of SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests. SNAP has been providing support for victims of sexual abuse in religious settings for more than 35 years.

We are writing to you today to express our support for House Bill 322, which would criminalize grooming a child for the purpose of sexual abuse. SNAP is grateful to Representatives Bill Seitz and Cindy Abrams for this effort to make Ohio safer for children.

Criminalizing grooming is a unique approach, to our knowledge, but we believe that it would be a helpful method to identify those who are looking to prey on innocent young lives. Statistics tell us that one in four girls and one in five boys are sexually abused before they reach the age of 18. Any effort to reduce the



number of unidentified predators, would, we believe, spare countless children a life-time of pain and suffering.

We hope that you and the rest of the Judiciary Committee will vote to support this important legislation. The safety of children, not the protection of predators, should be Ohio's first priority.

Respectfully submitted,

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