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Senator Johnson, Ranking member Craig, and members of the Senate Veterans and Public Safety committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 113.

The Selective Service signup requirement was enacted in May of 1917. The United States has not forced anyone to enter service since 1973. Senate Bill 113 expands the repercussions for not signing up for Selective Service. This expands on legislation already in place, bolstering Ohio's laws to be in line with Federal Laws and many other States around the Country.

In 1985, the Federal Government enacted the Thurmond Amendment, which made it so you would be ineligible to hold federal office or a federal government job, if you did not sign up with Selective Service. Senate Bill 113 will act like the Thurmond Amendment for Ohio. It makes it so that you cannot hold public office or a state government job in Ohio.

Having a strong pool of men to draw from in case of a national emergency is crucial. Signing up for Selective Service is already a mandatory requirement and a very small price to pay for our freedom. Those in Ohio who wish to serve in public office or hold a state government job should also be willing to sign up for selective service and accept the call should their country need them.

I will be happy to answer any questions at this time.

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