



Americans for Prosperity – Ohio proponent testimony, H.B. 393 – House Community Revitalization Committee – 10.28.2025

Good afternoon, Chairman Click, Vice Chair Mullins, Ranking Member Brewer, and members of the committee. My name is Hannah Kubbins and I serve as the Legislative Director for Americans for Prosperity – Ohio. Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on H.B. 393.

House Bill 393 builds on the successful reforms enacted in H.B. 315 of the 135th General Assembly, which established a program to help individuals in the custody of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) or Department of Youth Services (DYS) obtain a state identification card prior to release. H.B. 393 expands this program to include inmates completing programming at Community-Based Correctional Facilities (CBCFs) and District Community-Based Correctional Facilities (DCBCFs)—facilities that serve low-level, nonviolent offenders and provide substance abuse treatment, education, and life skills training.

Without a valid ID, returning citizens face significant barriers to employment, housing, healthcare, and reintegration into society. By ensuring that individuals leave correctional facilities with proper identification, Ohio is removing a major obstacle to self-sufficiency and reducing the risk of recidivism.

As AFP Ohio testified on H.B. 315, policies that support reentry and reduce unnecessary barriers help lower incarceration costs, strengthen families, and promote public safety. Providing state IDs is a cost-effective, commonsense reform that benefits all Ohioans.

H.B. 393 recognizes that reentry challenges are not limited to state prisons. By including CBCFs and DCBCFs, the bill ensures that individuals in alternative correctional programs—often serving shorter sentences and working toward rehabilitation—receive the same support as those in state custody.

Americans for Prosperity – Ohio supports H.B. 393 because it is a practical, compassionate, and fiscally responsible step toward empowering reentering citizens. By expanding access to state IDs, Ohio is helping individuals rebuild their lives, contribute to their communities, and reduce the likelihood of returning to incarceration.

Thank you for your time. I'm happy to take questions.