

# SENECA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FREDRICK W. STEVENS

*Sheriff*



CHARLES W. BOYER

*Chief Deputy*

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## **Proponent Testimony on House Bill 252**

Chair Thomas, Vice Chair Matthews, Ranking Member Isaacsohn, and members of the House Judiciary Committee, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony for House Bill 252.

I am Fredrick W. Stevens, Seneca County Sheriff, where I have served since January of 2021 when I won my first term. I was re-elected in 2024 and started my second term in January of this year. I have 33 years of Law Enforcement Service and before that I was an Active-Duty Army Infantryman.

I am in full support of the requested language change to simply the language for burglary, breaking and entering and trespass and taking out the wording that has suddenly become an unintended loophole that was just recently found in the Scioto County case.

The Buckeye State Sheriff's Association Legislative Committee has supported this bill as well and normally we would come in person to present testimony but we will all be in Morrow County attending the Line of Duty Death of Deputy Daniel Sherrer so I apologize in advance and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to offer testimony in support of H.B. 252.



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