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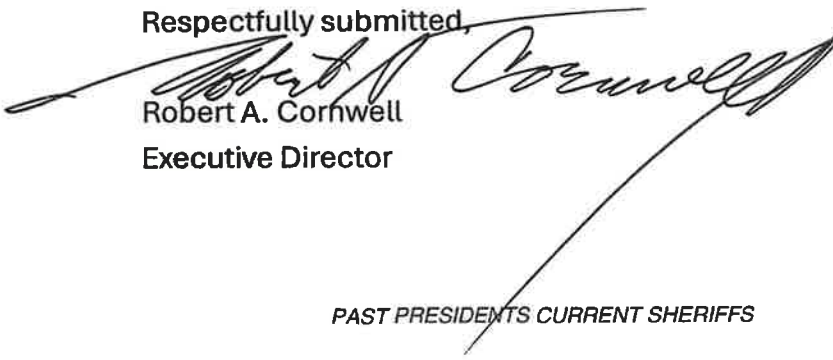
Dear Chairman Thomas,

The Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association has had an opportunity to review HB 132, "Philip Wigal's Law", and support it as introduced. Motorists that have broken down along the side of the highway should be afforded the safe spacing between passing vehicles and their own vehicle. Slowing down or changing lanes can and will provide that safe space.

It is important that drivers are aware of the need to allow the owner of a disabled vehicle room to repair a flat tire or retrieve gas for their vehicle.

An increase in the penalties for those that fail to yield the right of way for disabled vehicles is supported. Also, the increase in penalties for vehicular homicide and vehicular assault are supported.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert A. Cornwell
Executive Director

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