

Chair Claggett, Vice Chair Workman, Ranking Member Mohamed, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 505, which aims to extend Ohio's "Son of Sam" law to crowdfunding platforms.

My name is Daniel Hils. I recently retired from the Cincinnati Police Department as a sergeant after nearly 35 years of service. Before that, I served as an Army Military Police Officer in Germany. When with CPD, I served as a patrol officer, an investigator, a front-line supervisor, and lastly, I served as President of CPD's union. After my CPD service, I continue to serve as an auxiliary officer for the Village of Amberley, Ohio.

I was elected as President of Lodge 69 in December of 2015 and re-elected for a total of four terms. In my eight years as President, I led three successful contract negotiations and represented officers in hundreds of administrative interviews.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Rodney Hinton, Jr., viciously killed Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy Larry Henderson. Henderson was working a traffic detail during a University of Cincinnati graduation ceremony when Hinton violently ran over Officer Hinton in retaliation for the police shooting of Hinton's son. The deputy, who retired after 33 years but continued working special details, was not involved in the fatal shooting of Hinton's son, 18-year-old Ryan Hinton. Mrs. Lorena (Lori) Henderson (widow) is testifying to the deep harm caused by GiveSendGo's refusal to remove this promotion of violence by promoting this fundraising platform. The FOP of Ohio and Queen City Lodge #69 immediately condemned the platforms (GoFundMe and GiveSendGo) that initially allowed individuals to fundraise, celebrate, and promote violence against police based on this violent crime, the assassination of a law enforcement officer.

GoFundMe voluntarily removed a Rodney Hinton Jr crowdfunding platform after the Ohio Attorney General, Officer Henderson's family members, police groups, and my own voice condemned the platform for promoting violence against police officers. Members of the Hinton family then opened the same crowdfunding platform on GiveSendGo. The Attorney General and police groups then requested that GiveSendGo remove the new platform for violating its policy about promoting violence of any kind. <sup>1</sup> GiveSendGo has refused to remove the platform despite public comments on the platform that contain vile, pro-violent language against police officers, which included the following as of November 4, 2025:

**Anonymous Giver-\$ 10.00 USD**

26 days ago

Rodney is a hero. We need more fearless men like him. I think of him, his dearly departed son, and his family often. 2 Love emojis

**redacted-\$ 10.00 USD**

5 months ago

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**Eye For Eye-\$ 23.00 USD**

5 months ago

We are getting closer to freedom as this hell collapses. I wish this happened EVERY TIME THEY TAKE ONE OF OURS! You did good bro.

Sorry you have to sit until court rolls around. 7 Love emojis

**Anonymous Giver-\$ 10.00 USD**

5 months ago

Rodney is a hero and he did nothing wrong, he should inspire all peoples! 2 Love emojis

**Redacted-\$ 10.00 USD**

5 months ago

What you did was POWERFUL Much love to you and yours! It's not much but I hope this helps! 4 Love emojis

**Anonymous Giver-\$ 10.00 USD**

5 months ago

This will never bring back your son however your husband is my hero and an inspiration to us. Save our children 8 Love emojis

**Anonymous Giver-\$ 43.00 USD**

5 months ago

I can't sugarcoat the answer for you, this is how I feel If somebody kill my son, that mean somebody gettin' killed" - Kendrick Lamar Rodney Hinton Jr. a legend for his actions. He did absolutely nothing wrong. We need more people like him. 8 Love emojis

**Redacted-\$ 50.00 USD**

5 months ago

My deepest condolences to your family. Mr. R.Hinton is a warrior and a hero that I can proudly stand behind. He is the equal to the mother with the Machete. This is a turning point for history, and we have to be ready for what is to come. Sending bravery and protective energy your way. Wishing you all find comfort. This will not be my last donation. 8 Love emojis

**Anonymous Giver-\$ 50.00 USD**

5 months ago

I support what you did. I believe I would have done the same thing. RIP your son 🌹 Love emojis

Ohio’s current “Son of Sam” law prohibits people from profiting from criminal acts, but the law is narrow, limiting that profit to things like book and movie deals.<sup>ii</sup> When the law was written, web-based crowdfunding had not been invented. So, it does not apply here—but that must soon change if HB 505 becomes law.

The police community, the Henderson family (including his widow), and I are pointing out the obvious. These evil, commercial incitements of violence against police cannot be tolerated and should be condemned and removed. House Bill 505 is a commonsense piece of legislation that will modernize Ohio’s “Son of Sam” laws by empowering the Ohio Attorney General to make sure that individuals cannot profit off of violent, homicides, and violent crimes.

Chair Claggett, Vice Chair Workman, Ranking Member Mohamed, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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<sup>i</sup> Prohibited Campaigns GiveSendGo does not allow campaigns that;

1. Benefit groups that support physical violence of any kind. [GiveSendGo | Terms of Service](#)

<sup>ii</sup> Section 2969.02 | Payment of contract proceeds into recovery of offender's profits fund.