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Chairman Landis, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Blackshear, and members of the Senate Addiction and Community Revitalization Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer proponent testimony on Senate Bill 138. The Ohio Community Corrections Association (OCCA) is committed to helping people with criminal legal histories successfully reenter their neighborhoods as productive citizens. Our halfway houses and community based correctional facilities (CBCFs) do this by offering a myriad of services to individuals, many of whom have both mental health concerns and substance use disorders.

OCCA has been working with affected parties on various iterations of this legislation and we are especially grateful to Senator Johnson for his leadership on this bill. As the sponsor of the bill he managed to get all interested parties to come to a workable compromise in this General Assembly.

- Under SB 138, ADAMHS boards will establish priorities when determining eligibility for the services and supports needed most in their communities, and they will have the ability to refer people in need of services to those providers.
- Senate Bill 138 balances the ADAMHS boards needs to adapt and respond to population changes with provider demands for a well-structured contract outlining clear expectations and notification requirements.
- Finally, SB 138 establishes criminal penalties to prevent operating a recovery housing residence without certification.

The Ohio Community Corrections Associations joins with our colleagues in offering enthusiastic support for this well reasoned public policy and for the bill sponsor in shepherding this important legislation. Please reach out to Kelsey Woolard at Governmental Policy Group, phone: (614) 461-9335, with any questions.

Respectfully,

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