

SB 26 proponent Testimony.

Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Wilson, Ranking Member Weinstein, and members of the Senate Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide Proponent testimony on Senate Bill 26.

First let me say, it was my honor and privilege to work with the department of Public Safety.

Former Senate President, Now Speaker Huffman positioned me to take on a very important mission by employing my background and war fighting experience to help DPS. This was all authorized and coordinated through Governor DeWine.

The mission: Assist Ohio Department of Homeland Security with a Counter Drone Program.

I have applied the use of UAVs/Drones on battlefields with the help of professionals. We employed them offensively and defensively, predominately for security purposes.

ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance or ISTAR (Intelligence, Targeting, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) employs Drones/UAVs, Unmanned Surface Vehicles, Robotics and more.

These technologies can carry payloads that will cause massive casualties. They can distribute various forms of dangerous destructive devices.

I am NOT the burning bush on how they function. Yet, I can tell you they are definitely an asset that saved our lives OR they can be used to attack the innocent.

During my times in many different theaters conducting numerous missions, we learned the importance of being proactive rather than becoming reactive.

We have seen the effects of when **Safety** becomes counterproductive to security and how security can compromise your safety.

Safety is the application of a tool to prevent a negative outcome.

Security, is an action using Tactics, Techniques and Procedures, to counter an attack.

Today's use of technology has dramatically changed the battlefield. I personally and professionally feel that you as legislators could use a better understanding of today's applications of these technologies. Thus, the reason of Senate Bill 26.

We have heard of drones/UAVs and Robotics, but do we truly understand how they can compromise our safety or Security?

Especially in what I call target rich environments, aka mass populated events like Concerts, Sporting Events and more.

Senate Bill 26 brings us/you as legislators closer to these forms of technologies. It will help you push back the axis of evil.

As per Senator Johnson's testimony, Law Enforcement Agencies must constantly adapt and change to meet these developing threats. Training standards must continually be updated and revised. Our law enforcement already faces so much scrutiny from the departments, however, there is currently very little legislative insight into this matter.

This legislation seeks to resolve this disparity with the creation of the Joint Law Enforcement Oversight Committee (JLEOC)

I would like to offer lessons learned.

To be Proactive; we need a task force that has the authority to take action, not another bureaucratic think tank.

This task force must develop (TTPs) Tactics, Techniques and Procedures applicable to the mission. Focusing on critical thinking and preemptive solution solving.

We will need experienced **Leaders** that can Lead from the front. Leaders that love this Nation and State more than they love themselves. They must believe that there are bad people willing to do bad things to good people.

We need to understand the difference between **Safety** and **Security**.

Bureaucrats thrive on a TOP DOWN control type leadership. We need to decentralize this type of Chain of Command. Hold the decision makers responsible for carrying out the Mission. This will give our boots on the ground the ability to take action when needed.

We must have Gods hand to guide our decisions being made using the wisdom gained from past experiences.

Boulders are shaped by wind, water, and heat. Wisdom is shaped by God's hand, experience, and time.

TTPs and SOPs are written in blood. The blood of people that lives through hellacious experiences like war.

I believe you as Legislators have a duty to protect Ohioans and I urge you to pass Senate Bill 26.

I will try my best to answer your questions.

Thank you.

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Excuse my Typos