

Testimony on House Bill 96

Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee

Good afternoon, Chair Manchester, Vice Chair Brenner, Ranking Member Weinstein and the other members of the Ohio Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony today on behalf of myself.

My name is Thomas Scheu, and I am a former commissioned Peace Officer and currently a non-commissioned officer at a large health network hospital in the Dayton Ohio area.

I am writing today to urge the members of this committee and the Senate as a whole to keep the current provisions in place for the update of lapses in service requirement and expirations for current and former Peace Officers in Ohio. The provision is a far past due update that will immediately and positively impact staffing shortages statewide. By removing expirations on Peace Officers certifications and replacing it with an enhanced refresher course. This bill would help Officers get their commission back and they would have to take an 80-hour refresher course. This would be very beneficial for the departments and the community.

Respectfully,

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