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The Honorable Members of the Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee
Ohio Statehouse
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 114

Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 114, introduced by Senator Tom Patton. As the President of the Ohio State Troopers Association, which represents members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol—including Troopers, Sergeants, Dispatchers, and Electronic Technicians—I can affirm the critical importance of this legislation in protecting the integrity and professionalism of law enforcement across Ohio.

Senate Bill 114 seeks to prohibit law enforcement agencies from imposing quotas for arrests and citations. This measure is essential for ensuring that law enforcement officers are able to exercise professional discretion without the undue pressure of meeting arbitrary numerical targets. Our current contract under Article 60.01 explicitly states that Troopers cannot be ordered to make arrests—a policy that reflects the fundamental principle that law enforcement decisions should be based on sound judgment and public safety, not on meeting predetermined quotas.

Quotas create unnecessary stress for officers and undermines public trust by shifting the focus from genuine public safety to numerical performance metrics. Officers must have the ability to evaluate each situation based on its unique circumstances and to issue warnings or take enforcement action as appropriate. Professional discretion is a cornerstone of effective policing, and Senate Bill 114 reinforces this principle.

Passing Senate Bill 114 is a crucial step toward preserving the professionalism and integrity of Ohio's law enforcement officers. It will enable officers to perform their duties based on sound judgment and public safety needs, free from the pressure of arbitrary quotas. I respectfully urge you to support this legislation, which will benefit both law enforcement professionals and the communities we serve.

Thank you for considering my testimony. I appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Kari Root
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