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Chairman Butler and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gary Wolske, vice president and legislative committee chair, for the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police. Today, I am testifying on behalf of more than 25,000 active and retired members of the FOP from across Ohio. Thank you for allowing me to give proponent testimony on HB 283.

HB 283 requires DNA collection for the misdemeanor offenses of voyeurism, public indecency, procuring, soliciting, loitering to engage in solicitation, and prostitution. DNA is already being collected for these offenses at the felony level. It has been my experience, as a recently retired Garfield Heights police detective, that these crimes are often escalated by criminals to felonies. For some of these offenders it just never seems to be enough, they need to get their perverted satisfaction by intensifying their criminal behavior. Having this DNA information readily accessible will assist law enforcement in quickly apprehending these suspects thereby preventing them from doing further harm.

Therefore, the FOP supports HB 283 and respectfully asks for its favorable consideration.