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Re: SB 201- Civil Justice Committee

Thank you for allowing us to stand before you today in support of SB 201. My name is Patricia Wood and I have lived in Columbus since 1966 and specifically the Salem/ Sharon Woods area for almost 40 years. I am currently a trustee on the Sharon Woods civic Assoc and the block watch coordinator.

I do have support from the SWCA to represent our community.

As others have stood here before you and said the ONLY change to the current Nuisance law is that Violence needs to be added. There is no other change and in my opinion is a "no brainer."

Officers Clinger & Geis, Asst. Prosecutors Bill Sperlazza, Wes Phillips and many other city depth. have worked very hard these last 2-3 years to get the 161/71 hotel's cleaned up. We are currently in a good place with some hotel owners cleaning up and now running a legitimate & clean business which will draw people & new legitimate businesses to our area and Columbus.

Our crime rate has significantly decreased since the closing of these hotels. This huge effort done by so many, has told the drug dealers and prostitutes that our community is not going to allow this kind of illegal activity.

One of the continued problems is VIOLENCE. We have had shootings, with the loss of a life at hotel's, we have had shootings with loss of life at Bars. We have had shootings at Cabaret's. We had a shooting outside of an "after hours club" at Karl & 161. The health club across the street was riddled with bullets breaking their windows while they had customers inside. Thank heavens no one lost their life.

If we want our communities to feel safe, to survive and grow and we want Columbus & the rest of Ohio citizens to feel safe in their homes, driving their car & we want visitors to experience the best of Columbus & our State then Violence Must be added to the nuisance law, it is a no brainer.

Thank you

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