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Chair Bacon, Vice Chair Dolan, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of the Ohio Judicial Conference in support of revisions to Substitute House Bill 1.

I am Judge Debra Boros, formerly of the Lorain County Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court. I recently retired after serving the Court for 18 years. I am currently sitting by assignment in the Court of Common Pleas Juvenile and Domestic Divisions and at the Municipal Court level. As a judge, I have served as Chair of the Supreme Court of Ohio's Domestic Violence Advisory Committee, Co-chaired the Supreme Court's Judicial Advisory Group, and served as a past President of the Ohio Association of Juvenile Court Judges. I also developed and implemented a Family and Juvenile Drug Court, a Success for Youth Program to address juveniles with developmental delays in the court system, and helped to improve treatment for juveniles in residential and detention home facilities in the county. Prior to joining the bench, I worked as an Assistant Prosecutor for Lorain County.

I previously testified on H.B. 1 on behalf of the Ohio Judicial Conference as an interested party. The OJC raised several concerns with the previous versions of the bill. We appreciate that our concerns were considered and addressed, and appreciate the opportunity to give feedback throughout the redrafting process. Recently, we had the opportunity to review the I_132_0176-8 draft, and believe this compromise language both addresses our concerns and achieves the goals of the bill's sponsors. We thank the sponsors, Rep. Manning and Rep. Sykes, as well as members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and House and Senate legislative staff for working through numerous draft versions of this bill.

I thank you for your time and consideration of this testimony.