



Senator John Eklund
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square
1st Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

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PROPONENT TESTIMONY

Dear Chairman Eklund,

Please accept this written correspondence as formal support for Senate Bill 377. Our facilities take women and men who have been involved with the criminal justice system. This is work that my family has been doing for two generations. One of the most rewarding aspects of my work is to see formerly addicted persons become self-sufficient by getting treatment, gaining employment, and restoring their families.

Transitional Control (TC) is a very successful program administered by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections to transfer eligible inmates into programming. We connect them with local resources and treatment options and effectively reduce recidivism rates across Ohio.

Our halfway houses have existing capacity to take additional numbers of TC placements at no additional cost to the state. We urge the committee to support passage of Senate Bill 377 and remain as a resource to your committee should there be any questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Be well!

Best,

Chandra Bryant,

Community Restoration Centers of Stark County, Inc.