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Chair, House Criminal Justice Committee
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The Honorable Chairman LaRe,

The OBL is the foremost trade association for the Ohio banking industry – and is Ohio’s only organization focused on meeting the needs of *all banks and thrifts* in the Buckeye State. The non-profit association is comprised of more than 170 FDIC-insured financial institutions including commercial banks, savings banks, and savings and loan associations ranging in size from just over \$13 million in assets to more than \$3 trillion and employing over 60,000 Ohioans.

On behalf of our members, I write to you in support of House Bill 116, the Ohio Computer Crimes Act. In short, twenty-first century crimes necessitate a commensurate twenty-first century criminal code in Ohio. This legislation helps to fill in gaps that currently exist between state and federal law in being able to pursue those who perpetrate cybercrimes throughout the state. One of the most significant issues is finding the individuals who commit these types of crimes. However, if an individual is found, there should be no question about whether he or she can be prosecuted.

For these reasons, we urge your support of HB 116 to help provide law enforcement and businesses with the tools necessary to ensure proper prosecution of cybercrimes. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our position at dboyd@ohiobankersleague.com or (614) 340-7608.

Sincerely,

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