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Senator Hoagland

**Written testimony in support of Ohio S.B. 168 – Ohio Mobile Training Team Program**

Senator Hoagland has recognized the value and importance of critical campus communications as part of a comprehensive emergency management plan and I am honored to support the vision of S.B. 168 and the **Ohio Mobile Training Team Program**. I have been working within school campus environments in the areas of information technology, safety and security for more than 20 years. One of the main focuses of this bill is to promote consistency in campus safety and security plans, solutions and training. It has been my experience that there is little or no consistency from one school campus to the next when it comes to planning, solutions and training for safety and security.

**SECONDS MATTER...**

In emergencies or threatening situations, seconds matter. The faster that first responders can be notified, the faster they can act on the situation. I am happy to see that campus communications are addressed in Sec. 5501.262 and believe that a cornerstone of campus safety is secure campus communications. Mass notification and mobile panic solutions can help save valuable time for first responders during a life safety event. In a school campus environment, secure communication should be available EVERYWHERE, fixed and mobile. In addition to fixed intercom systems, mobile panic buttons can be mounted or worn by staff and volunteers and be activated within 2 seconds to send an SMS text, email and place a 2-way audio call to open a communication channel with first responders. Critical campus communications are platforms of software for mass notification integrated with hardware capable of 2-way communication over mobile or secure WiFi networks and trackable via GPS for real-time location reporting, accountability and reunification. Consistency and continuous training and improvement is key for a solid campus communication solution.

The **Ohio Mobile Training Team Program** addresses campus safety and security disparities by providing experienced safety and security professionals to schools statewide who will identify and manage consistent best practices for solutions and training on every school campus. As a parent of 4, I thank all the sponsors of this vitally important bill to bring additional safety and security resources to our school campuses.

Respectfully submitted,

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