

WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MARK WASYLYSHYN
Sheriff



ERIC L. REYNOLDS
Chief Deputy

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Chairman Bacon of Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Chairman Bacon,

I am the Sheriff of Wood County serving in my fourth term. I also am the past president of the Buckeye State Sheriffs Association and currently serve on the Board of Directors of the National Sheriffs' Association.

I strongly support HB 296. We must enhance penalties for certain drug trafficking offenses committed in the vicinity of a community addiction services provider.

The people trying to deal with their addictions are very vulnerable. Heroin and opiates addictions are almost impossible to overcome without professional help. Getting people to community addiction services are a major accomplishment, but many are likely to slip back into the addiction. If we do not make harsher punishments to those that deal drugs near these centers, we will make the road to recovery much more difficult than it already is.

Please vote for HB 296. We need to let drug traffickers know we are not going to tolerate this in Ohio!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Wasylyshyn".

Mark Wasylyshyn