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Chairman Eklund, Vice-Chair Manning, Ranking Member Thomas and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 31. I am Chief Master Sergeant Heidi Bunker, Command Chief of the 178th Wing in Springfield, Ohio. Senate Bill 31 would allow specific professions within our organization the ability to remove their name, residential and familial information from any record made available to the general public, including internet or publically accessible databases. This bill will add protections for the men and woman participating in duties directly related to remotely piloted aircraft, including but not limited to, Pilots, Sensor Operators and Mission Intelligence Personnel.

I would like to share with the committee an example situation where one of our member's personal information was released. On 4 May 2016, our 178th Operations Group was notified of a source document posted online by the Islamic State Hacking Division. This document was referred to as the ISIS "hit list" specifically targeting "drone" personnel. Unfortunately, this document listed one of our fellow 178th Wing Airmen. This "hit list" had a recent picture and listed her current residential address. The 178th Operations Group immediately contacted this Airman, verified her safety and notified her of the source document. This specific Airman was a former active duty sensor operator for the MQ-1/ MQ-9 weapons system stationed at Creech Air Force Base in Nevada. During her time at Creech, information was publically released, to include her full name, picture and operational information. Additionally, with the information released from Creech, our adversaries were able to do a quick internet search to obtain her public tax records and her current residential address.

Passing Senate Bill 31 will ensure additional protections for the citizen Airmen who dedicate their lives to the safety and security of all Americans. I am grateful for the Ohio legislature's commitment to the protection of our members and their families. I respectfully ask for your support of Senate Bill 31 and welcome any questions you have at this time.