

**COMMUNITY TRANSITION CENTER**

*"Providing a positive choice to Southeastern Ohio"*

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

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Dear Chairman Eklund,

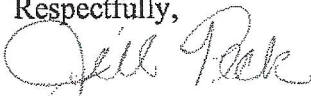
I would like to go on record in support of Senate Bill 377. Community Transition Center serves central and southern Ohio by operating a transitional control (TC) program for male inmates serving out the last 6 months of their sentence in the community. Upon finding a job, we maintain part of the person's wages to reinvest in the state program, pay any court obligations and keep the balance to return to successful completers when they leave.

Every time someone leaves for work, home visits, or doctor's appointments they are screened for drugs and alcohol when they return. Our staff have social work, substance use disorder, and mental health credentials to address any underlying issues that have caused relapse or recidivism.

For persons who are non-compliant, have extreme physical or mental health needs or go AWOL, they are revoked to the state prisons as they are still considered inmates under the purview and control of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC). Those who successfully complete have better outcomes than others who did not get the benefit of the TC program.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please call Lusanne Green at (614) 378-9808 with the Ohio Community Corrections Association, our trade association, with any detailed questions about the bill.

Respectfully,

  
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