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Honorable Jeff LaRe, Chairman
House Criminal Justice Committee
Riffe Center
77 South High Street, 13th floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

The Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association has had an opportunity to review the introduced version and the passed version of SB 16 introduced by Senator Tim Schaffer. We, as an Association, support Sub. SB 16.

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Current protections for Ohio's First Responders do not go far enough to protect these individuals in the performance of their duties. By enhancing the penalties and providing clear definition for assault, menacing and unlawfully impeding public passage of emergency response services will send a message to those that seek to cause harm or delay response to an intense situation.

DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTORS

Northeast District
Chief Deputy Richard Haun
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If there are any questions I would be happy to try and answer them..

Respectfully,

Robert A. Cornwell
Executive Director

PAST PRESIDENTS CURRENT SHERIFFS

2021
Keith A. Everhart
Hardin County

2019
Matthew J. Lutz
Muskingum County

2018
Michael L. Simpson
Preble County

2017
Mark Wasylshyn
Wood County

2016
Randy Thorp
Licking County

2013
E. Wayne Risner
Ashland County

2012
Jeff Grey
Mercer County

2007
Vernon P. Stanforth
Fayette County

2004
Michael E. Heldman
Hancock County