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Testimony on Senate Bill 25

Senate Judiciary

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Chairman Manning, Vice-Chair McColley, Ranking Member Thomas, and
Members of the Committee,

My name is Mike Weinman; I am a retired Columbus police officer who now serves as the director of government affairs for the FOP. I am here today to give proponent testimony on Senate Bill 25 on behalf of our 26,000 members.

The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio urges the committee's support of Senate Bill 25. The bill enhances penalties for certain drug trafficking offenses committed in the vicinity of a substance addiction services provider and prohibits defrauding an alcohol, drug, or urine screening test. Those who traffick drugs near a treatment center are not casual drug users supporting their habit but are predators who have specifically chosen these locations. They have targeted those who hope to defeat their addictions, knowing how difficult it is to recover.

Furthermore, the use of synthetic urine is a troubling trend and one that needs to be addressed through legislation. Urine tests are used to ensure our highways and workplaces' safety and compliance with court-mandated treatment programs. Cheating a urine test with synthetic urine allows those who wish to abuse drugs to continue to do so with impunity endangering lives.

Again, the FOP of Ohio supports SB 25 and respectfully requests the committee favorably report the bill.

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