

Chair Abrams, Vice Chair Williams, Ranking Member Brown, and members of the House Criminal Justice Committee,

As an Ohio citizen, I am writing to communicate my support for the AG's suggested amendment to remove the SORN registration provision for a person who violates Sec. 2907.31, however, I oppose adding the tolling provision to Sec. 2950.07.

According to the OLSC fiscal note, the AG's Office will incur significant, currently uncertain, one-time costs to modify the SORN system for tolling information to be input. That does not include unknown costs for counties to maintain the system.

Ohio's burdensome SORN system along with housing exclusion zones pose insurmountable obstacles for some registrants to overcome. As a result, the cycle of instability that leads to noncompliance would not be changed by a tolling scheme for Tier 1 and 2 registrants nor would there be any safety benefit to the public.

With Ohio's growing police shortage, prison overcrowding and rampant organized crime involving drugs and human trafficking, I suggest that the hard earned taxpayer funds be better spent addressing those problems instead of on a wasteful and unproven SORN modification.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this bill. Thank you for your time.