

Eastern Ohio Correctional Center Wintersville, OH

Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Guernsey, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, Noble

Franklin County CBCF Columbus, OH

Franklin

Lucas County Correctional Treatment Facility Toledo, OH

Lucas

MonDay Community Correctional Institution
Dayton, OH

Darke, Green, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Fayette

NorthEast Ohio Community Alternative Program Warren, OH

Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Portage, Trumbull

NorthWest Community Corrections Center Bowling Green, OH

Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Williams, Wood

River City Correctional Center Cincinnati, OH

Hamilton

STAR Community Justice Center Franklin Furnace, OH Nelsonville, OH

Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fairfield, Gallia, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Morgan, Pickaway, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, Washington

Stark Regional Correction Center Louisville, OH

Holmes, Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne

W.O.R.T.H. Center Lima, OH

Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Putnam, Paulding, Shelby, Van Wert

West Central Community Correctional Facility Marysville, OH

Champaign, Clark, Delaware, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Union **House Finance Committee**

House Bill 33
Ohio Operating Budget
Fiscal Years 2024-2025

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Greetings Chair Edwards, Vice-Chair LaRe, Ranking Member Sweeney, and members of the House Finance Committee. My name is Cary Williams, I am the Executive Director of NorthWest Community Corrections Center in Wood County, and a Trustee of CorJus, Inc. CorJus is a professional association that represents eleven publicly operated Community Based Correctional Facilities (CBCFs) in Ohio.

On behalf of CorJus, I wanted to take a moment to thank the House Membership, and express our support, for your version of the state operating budget. Your proposed budget works to address many issues facing Ohioans today. Maintaining the proposed increases in the 501501-line item shows your willingness to identify and address needs in communities. These proposed increases will allow CBCFs to begin addressing staffing needs and increases in operating costs due to the economic climate.

Additionally, I would like to thank the membership for including our proposed amendment regarding psychotropic medication reimbursement, as well as for restoring the MHA 336422-line item to the prior level. This access and restored funding will allow many more Ohioans to access the quality treatment provided in CBCFs while working to address their mental health needs.

In closing, I would like to again thank the members of the committee and the entire membership for the support they have shown CBCFs in the House version of the budget. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I appreciate you allowing me the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill 33, the state operating budget.