

# COLERAIN

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Representative Cindy Abrams  
The Ohio House of Representatives  
77 South High Street, Floor 13  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Rep. Abrams

I am writing to you today to discuss House Bill No. 167 and my overall support for training for the future of our profession. With the alarming levels of attrition, even in the upper ranks, it is incredibly important to establish a baseline of training for the leaders of law enforcement.

In October of 2022, I attended the week-long newly appointed chief of police training in Columbus, Ohio. The levels of experience of those in attendance varied, as well as their comfort level in the topics discussed. By the end of the week, I returned to Colerain Township knowing that I had additional knowledge that would better my community and my department.

With that being said, I would like to request and to challenge the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly to take this transformational experience and expand to additional supervisor ranks within a police department. I would request similar training for any officer that is promoted above the rank of Police Officer. These first line supervisors are the individuals responding to the requests of the public to speak to a supervisor. Any training that can better the supervisor in responding to these calls would be beneficial.

Due to this, and the overall need to increase the number of courses to be offered throughout the year, I would request to allow additional facilities to host the training courses throughout the State of Ohio. With the House Bill requiring the individual departments to be responsible for the food, lodging, and transportation of the officer, having satellite training facilities will save department's much needed funds.

Thank you for your time and your consideration on my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Cordie III".

Edwin C. Cordie III  
Chief of Police

