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Chair Roemer,  
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My name is Michael L. Vorhees, Auglaize County Sheriff and I am a proponent of House 451.

HB 451 will impose a remittance fee for money transmission from persons in the State of Ohio to persons outside of the United States. This fee will have a direct impact on local law enforcement in the form of Grants established by the Department of Public Safety. These Grants will assist local law enforcement by defraying costs incurred in the enforcement of Human Trafficking, Drug Trafficking and housing of undocumented immigrants.

Auglaize & Mercer Counties have a joint drug task force that was formed in 1991. We rely on the State of Ohio DLE grant for funding. We continue to see success with the hard work of our task force investigators. This funding will assist us with the drugs we see that continue to flow into our area, with many of these drugs being linked to the open southern border.

I would ask the Committee to amend HB 451, to include rules promulgated by DPS under chapter 119. These rules would set guardrails on the use of and ranking of local law enforcement agencies that receive Grants established under this new law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Michael L. Vorhees, Sheriff , Auglaize County