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Good afternoon, Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. My name is McKenzie Davis, in addition to being a partner with The Success Group, I am legislative counsel for the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association.

As you know, the 88 Ohio Sheriffs are a full-service law enforcement agency. The BSSA is a coordinating association that helps the Sheriffs keep abreast of the latest advancement in law enforcement techniques, technology, legal precedent, legislative action, training and acts as an information exchange amongst the 88 diverse Sheriffs throughout the state.

I am here to offer BSSA's support for the codification of Criminal Rule 46. While the BSSA believes there are areas Criminal Rule 46 could be improved upon, the association strongly believes the General Assembly must codify the existing language in Criminal Rule 46. This will ensure a continuation of the existing practice under Criminal Rule 46. BSSA believes the continuation of the existing practice is essential in providing the necessary structure and guidance for law enforcement, the courts and counsel for both the prosecution and the defense.

In conclusion, the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association offers its full support for this legislation.

I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.