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Chair Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 265.

This critical legislation will protect those who spend their days, and even sacrifice their lives, to protect our families and our communities.

As my joint sponsor mentioned, House Bill 265 will exempt certain sensitive information about first responders from disclosure under public records law and will clarify additional information protected under the Ohio Revised Code. Under Ohio's current public records law, work schedules, redaction request forms, and affidavits of Ohio's first responders can be accessed through public records requests. Under this legislation, these documents will be protected from public use.

Many of these documents contain sensitive and personal information, such as addresses, that may put not only first responders, but their entire families at risk. This legislation will provide our first responders peace of mind that their families are safe at home while they are out serving their communities.

Chair Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, thank you again for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 265.

We'd be happy to answer any questions at this time.