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Invited Testimony, Sunset Review Committee for County Sheriffs Standard Uniform and Car Marking Commission, July 30, 2024

The commission exists to ensure continuity throughout the eighty-eight elected Sheriff's and Deputies throughout Ohio. Our mission is to review/update or eliminate rules under Ohio Administrative Code 311. Section 311 of the OAC encompasses everything from the materials used in the making of uniforms to the proper placement of collar brass and everything in between along with car marking standards. The standardization of uniforms and cars throughout Ohio assists the Sheriff's regarding mutual aid when needed. This mutual aid is governed under ORC 311.07(B) and has assisted Sheriff's for decades.

Ohio is the only state that provides the Sheriff's with this type of standardization. We Sheriffs are very proud of the rich history of Ohio Sheriffs and the uniformity we all practice. OAC 311 sets us apart from other law enforcement agencies in the state. I encourage this committee to allow the County Sheriff's Standard Uniform and Car Marking Commission to continue its work.

Respectfully,

Keith A. Everhart, Sheriff

Hardin County, Ohio

Chairman, County Sheriff's Uniform and Car Marking Commission