

February 5, 2016

The Honorable Jon Husted
Ohio Secretary of State
180 E. Broad St.
16th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Secretary Husted,

I write in support of Senate Bill 222 and House Bill 359, which will extend much-needed protection to some of our most vulnerable Ohioans.

All too often, victims of domestic violence, human trafficking and other violent crimes live in fear of being re-discovered by past abusers. Since Ohio voters' address information is a matter of public record, registering to vote is sometimes not an option for individuals who fear for their personal safety.

Both SB 222 and HB 359 would shield victims' voting addresses from public view, create a secure and confidential method of mail delivery and even empower a court to impose fines on offenders to fund the program. No Ohioan should ever have to decide between personal safety or personal freedoms.

Our law enforcement officers work to protect domestic violence victims every day and many, unfortunately, are reoccurring incidents. The calls they answer and issues they encounter are indescribable and we need to provide every tool possible to help these victims protect themselves.

I proudly urge favorable consideration of SB 222 and HB 359.

Sincerely,

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