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Corrections & Juvenile Justice Committee

Rep. Russel Jennings; Chair

Rep. John Whitmer; Vice-Chair

### Supporting Testimony for HB2581

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to come speak today and for introducing this bill. As many of you know, an innocent man lost his life on December 28th 2017 do to a prank phone call, otherwise known as a swatting call. Had these penalties been in place prior the December 28, 2017, the man who made that call, Tyler Barriss would have been sitting in a prison cell serving time for the previous prank/swatting crimes he's guilty of committing, and Andrew Finch would be alive and able to live out his life with his children and loved ones. I absolutely support this bill and respectfully ask that you name the bill after Andrew Finch.

Thank You

Alma Ann Jones