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## **Testimony to the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee In Support of HB2470**

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Chairman Jennings, Vice Chair Delperdang and members of the Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee, my name is Bill Carr, Sheriff of Ford County.

I offer to you written testimony in support of House Bill No. 2470 with suggested changes in Section 1 ( C ) "line 22". I would like to see the changing of the word "may" to "Shall".

I understand courts having complete jurisdiction over a defendant's case. However, it is not uncommon for defendants on parole, probation, and/or community corrections to leave the original court's jurisdiction to attend treatment or to start their lives over in another jurisdiction via courtesy transfers.

It is not uncommon for these individuals to then have contact with law enforcement while they are in the new jurisdiction. Unfortunately, when law enforcement officers then call upon the local parole/probation officers they are often told there is nothing they can do to provide swift and certain sanctions because they do not have complete authority over the individual and must consult or defer to the originating jurisdiction as they are only courtesy supervising.

I feel it be best served for all parties involved if someone is to leave the judicial jurisdiction for whatever reason complete authority should be granted to the courtesy agency.

Thank You for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Bill Carr  
Ford County