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Chairman Owens, Vice Chair Smith, Ranking Member Highberger, and members of the committee:

Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify today in support of HB2133, which would ban no-knock warrants. I know that this is a very complicated subject matter, covering a variety of hot topic issues, so I genuinely appreciate the openness to have this discussion.

Nationwide in the United States, there are approximately 60,000 “No Knock” warrants executed per year, which represents a 2,000% increase since 1980. I have no doubts that there are appropriate uses for such a warrant, but we need effective guardrails to protect individual freedom, prevent harm to law enforcement, and obviously in Breonna Taylor’s case, prevent unnecessary death at the hands of law enforcement.

This is not a partisan issue, as evidenced by the wide ranging political ideologies of the co-sponsors, and this is not a minority issue, as most recent polls show that a majority of Americans of all stripes support addressing the issue.

I see this as a hugely important discussion topic as the state and the nation have grappled with the larger topic of criminal justice reform, and I appreciate everyone who has worked so hard on it, but the time is ripe for this meaningful action.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity for discussion and reiterate my support of HB2133.

Representative Rui Xu

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