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Summit County Sheriff's Office
53 University Avenue
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Dear Chief Ball, Sheriff Barry, and Superintendent Fambro,

I recently became aware of a phone call made to House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes that allegedly included threats of violence against her and her father State Senator Vernon Sykes. I understand that local law enforcement was contacted and that these calls are being investigated.

Please accept this letter as my offer to support your investigation to the fullest extent possible. Whether it is technological assistance from the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, or assistance from our special prosecution unit, we stand ready to aid your efforts as needed.

There is no place in our public discourse for threats of violence against public servants. No matter how divided Ohioans may be on a particular policy or piece of legislation, we cannot allow public servants to be intimidated by threats of harm to their person.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Yost".

Dave Yost
Ohio Attorney General

cc: Governor Mike DeWine
Senate President Larry Obhof
Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko
House Speaker Larry Householder
House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes
Summit County Prosecutor's Office