



## Important meeting with DRC rescheduled - Mar. 21

Due to the inclement weather forecasted this week, the CCAO Justice and Public Safety Committee was rescheduled for **Tuesday, Mar. 21 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon** at the CCAO Offices, 209 E. State Street, in Columbus. All CCAO members are encouraged to attend.

The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) Director Gary Mohr will be present to discuss the department's proposal to require Felony 5 offenders to remain in the community.

Gov. John Kasich's biennial budget proposes to continue and take state-wide, in the second year of the biennium, a current pilot program designed to divert certain offenders from the state's overcrowded prisons. Under the program, DRC provides the participating counties with funding to treat low-level offenders in their communities and provide a variety of supervision services within the community.

Please review the following information about DRS's proposed Targeting Community Alternatives to Prison Program.

- [Mohr's Testimony](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [Columbus Dispatch article](#)
- [County-specific data](#) regarding CY 2016 Felony 5 commitments that are targeted in the budget proposal. The total number of commitments per county is broken down by gender, as well as the percentage that were community control violators and the percentage who had at least one prior prison commitment and
- [Estimated funding information](#) - DRC is still refining the funding formula, and the budget is still proposed, we thought it best to provide estimated ranges to account for any changes that may occur during the budget process.

CCAO believes this is a very important committee meeting as this proposal has **significant budget implications**. We strongly encourage you all to attend and take part. Lunch will be available. If you haven't already done so, please **RSVP by Monday, Mar. 20**, to [Curt Pratt](#), CCAO Administrative Assistant, at (614) 220-7985 or (888) 757-1904.