



April 21, 2025

Oklahoma State Senate
2300 Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK

RE: House Bill 1460 is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee tomorrow!

Dear Senator,

I am writing on behalf of Right On Crime, a national campaign that supports conservative criminal justice solutions that improve public safety, to express support for HB 1460. This important legislation seeks to eliminate a range of fees that have become a burden on our fellow Oklahomans involved in the criminal justice system.

First and foremost, the fees currently levied on individuals within the criminal justice system are not only ineffective revenue generators, but they also disproportionately affect those who can least afford them. Additionally, the statistics show that a significant portion of these fees go uncollected, resulting in a net loss for the state. It's clear that relying on such uncertain and inefficient revenue sources is not a sustainable way to fund our essential services. By eliminating these fees, we allow families to spend their hard-earned money where it can truly make a difference—on their homes, education, and health care - ultimately contributing to a stronger Oklahoma.

Burdening individuals who are reentering society with fees leads to a cycle of debt that often pushes them back into criminal behavior rather than offering them a path forward.

Right On Crime is also concerned about law enforcement officers being turned into debt collectors. The primary focus of our law enforcement agencies should be on protecting our communities and maintaining law and order—not chasing down uncollectible fees. This shift in focus detracts from their ability to effectively prevent and respond to genuine crime. **By supporting House Bill 1460, we can redirect valuable law enforcement resources back to community safety, reinforcing the very fabric of our society.**

House Bill 1460, championed by Representative Tammy West and Senator Todd Gollihare, takes a bold step toward dismantling these burdensome fees, which have shown collection rates below 25%. Passage of this bill will help us move Oklahoma towards empowering individuals without the fear of punitive debts, aligning perfectly with Right On Crime's foundational belief in second chances.

I encourage you to support this bill as it will strengthen our communities and improve public safety. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to serving the people of Oklahoma.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marilyn Davidson".

Marilyn Davidson
Right On Crime, Oklahoma Director