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This proposed bill would enhance the efficiency of many investigators who partner with OPDC by reducing the time to search for booking photos which should be more accessible and should be available through one repository. Through my prior experience in law enforcement the restrictions from having access to current booking photos delayed critical investigations and impeded the criminal justice process as a whole. Having to contact a representative from a specific sheriff's office, research the individual, scan for the most current photo and then email to the appropriate agency/investigator consumes valuable time and slows down all investigations. As a licensed investigator I have found it difficult to obtain current booking photos and include them in my reports, which often are delayed because I am unable to obtain the photos in a timely manner. This in turn causes delays in the proceedings causing frustration and costly postponements. The current restrictions on what should public record is passed along to the OPDC and adds additional, unnecessary strains on an already compromised system. The previous system of being able to obtain booking photos from the specific sheriff's offices was much more productive for licensed investigators, law enforcement and the community by giving individuals an opportunity to be aware of the people committing crime in their areas.

Respectfully,

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