

### **Testimony for House Bill 159**

The Lincoln Highway was the first paved coast to coast road in America. It runs from New York City to San Francisco. Several recognized road monuments are located throughout Ohio along the Lincoln, which runs east – west in Ohio from Columbiana County to Van Wert County. There are several connections to other byways as well. Our organization hosts a statewide yard sale every August which brings thousands of travelers to the Lincoln Highway, stopping at the sales, visiting other shops and eating meals. Many also spend the night. We would appreciate the promotional opportunity that designating May as Drive an Ohio Byway Month would provide.

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