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**State Representative Craig S. Riedel
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Chairman Green, Vice Chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, and Members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for allowing me to give sponsor testimony on House Bill 445. This legislation will create a "Patrol Supporter" license plate in celebration of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary's 75th anniversary last year. The Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary is an all-volunteer force, which assists Troopers in the course of their duties. Among the duties of an Auxiliary officer are crash scene and traffic stop assistance, traffic control, disaster relief and special detail support.

The design for the license plate was not difficult to sign off on because it proudly displays the word "Supporter" below the Patrol's logo. Similar license plates have been created for a number of nonprofit organizations in the state from which the license plate contribution fund will contain the contributions collected by the registrar of motor vehicles. This bill will allow the registrar to pay the contributions it receives to the Ohio Highway Patrol Auxiliary Foundation. These license plates will allow Ohio residents to donate to the foundation as a reflection of their appreciation for the hard work and sacrifices made by the Patrol to keep Ohioans safe.

Thank you for letting me address you today with my support for House Bill 445. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. S. Riedel".

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