

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 2-12-18

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Are you representing: Yourself _____ Organization X

Organization (If Applicable): OHIO HIGHWAY PATROL AUXILIARY FOUNDATION

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Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HOUSE BILL 445

Specific Issue: _____

Are you testifying as a: Proponent X Opponent _____ Interested Party _____

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes X No _____

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How much time will your testimony require? NO MORE THAN 5 MINUTES

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

I AM TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF HB 445. FOR COMPLETE TESTIMONY, SEE ATTACHED SHEET.

Please be advised that this form and any materials (written or otherwise) submitted or presented to this committee are records that may be requested by the public and may be published online.

My name is Auxiliary Lt. Colonel William J. Sanford, assistant commander of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary. The Auxiliary is an all-volunteer force which provides assistance to Troopers in the course of their duties and to the Highway Patrol as a whole.

The Auxiliary was formed in 1942 when many commissioned Troopers entered the armed forces during World War II. Since then thousands of Auxiliaries have donated more than a million hours of service to both the Patrol and the citizens of Ohio. Last year alone our Auxiliary officers volunteered nearly 16,000 hours. Among the duties of an Auxiliary officer are crash scene and traffic stop assistance, traffic control, disaster relief and special detail support.

The Auxiliary also runs a foundation which is a 501(c)(3) public charity with a mission of supporting the Auxiliary, the Patrol and law enforcement in general. The Auxiliary Foundation wants to create an organizational license plate as described in House Bill 445 with the proceeds to benefit the Auxiliary Foundation and support our mission. This plate would have the Patrol's logo on it and the word "Supporter."

Last year was the Auxiliary's 75th anniversary and our organization is working hard to both build on our legacy and ensure the Auxiliary is there to support the Patrol and the citizens of Ohio for another 75 years. Thank you for taking the time to listen to me and for your support of this bill.