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Good morning, Chairman Green, Vice Chair Patton, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee. My name is Chynna Brady, and I am here today on behalf of Representative Johnson.

I want to thank you for taking the time to hear House Bill 710, a bill to include high-mobility multipurpose-wheeled vehicles manufactured for military purposes to the definition of historical motor vehicles. Currently, historical motor vehicles are more than 25 years old and owned solely as a collector's item and for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses. They shall not be used for general transportation but may be operated on the public roads and highways to go get maintenance.¹

Now, you may be wondering why we would want to include Humvees in this definition. The federal government currently sells Humvees retired from military use to citizens with the caveat that they are for off-road use only. According to a memo from the Michigan Department of State, which our Department of Public Safety points to, "The principal reason the federal government limits ex-military Humvees for off- road use only is because they are not street legal due to not being manufactured to U.S. EPA emissions standards and U.S. DOT standards for on-road use in the United States."² It seems that a Humvee being used off-road on weekends would cause more emissions damage than a Humvee driven for an hour during a parade. We recently celebrated Veterans Day and some veterans were able to reminisce and see the vehicles driven in their respective conflicts; however, for veterans of our recent conflicts, Representative Johnson included, their vehicle was a Humvee. Senate Bill 645 was signed by Oregon's Governor last year and became effective in January. It included Humvees in the definition of "vehicle of special interest." This allows them to be driven on the public roadways for events and parades. A Humvee is also a special interest vehicle in Wisconsin if it is at least 22 years old.

Many veterans, frustrated that they have spent money on a vehicle that is for off-road use only, have contacted our office. Their plea has been that we at least allow them to be used for parades. House Bill 710 is small token of our appreciation for our veterans.

Thank you again, Chairman Green and members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee, I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.

¹ Ohio Rev. Code. Sec. 4503.181. *Lawriter Ohio Laws and Rules*, 2011. Web. 10 Nov. 2018.

² Johnson, R. Memo on Ex-Military Humvees, Michigan Department of State. Lansing, MI. May 2016.

