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Thank you Chairman Brinkman, Vice Chair Antani, Ranking Member Boggs, and the members of the House Insurance committee for the opportunity to offer testimony on HB 445. As Rep. Green explained, this legislation would align the Ohio Revised Code with federal standards regarding modulating headlights for motorcycles.

Motorcyclists use modulating headlights (and sometimes taillights) to help them become more noticeable to other drivers around them. As you may know operating a motorcycle comes with increased risk of an accident due to being less visible to other drivers on the road. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that 13 cars out of every 100,000 are involved in a fatal accident, while motorcycles have a fatality rate of 72 per 100,000. Additionally, per every mile traveled, motorcyclists are 35 times more likely to be involved in a fatal accident.

Motorcyclists in Ohio should be able to enjoy their motorcycle without fear of being pulled over and cited for using a modulating headlight that is both federally compliant, and helps keep them safe.

Thank you for your time, and we would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.