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Representatives Green, McClain, and Sheehy

House Transportation and Public Safety Committee

Ohio House of Representatives

Ohio Statehouse

Columbus, Ohio 43215

re: Letter of support for House Bill 259 “Designate Sgt David S. Harris Memorial Highway”

Honored Representatives:

One warm summer evening, while walking the streets of Marion, David and I came across a perturbing sight on a downtown street corner. On one corner, a young man was expostulating the since of drinking and a host of other vagaries of the human condition to which we proposed to accept and redeem using his well-worn Bible and memorized verses. His voice was flattering now as we watched a small crowd of men, who were obviously under the control of the very items this Christian young man was demonizing were slowly closing ranks around him with probable injury to ensue as they laughed and shouted insults his way. I looked at Dave and said, “I think we should go over and give this guy a little support, don’t you think?” Without hesitation, he began his football trained stride toward the corner with me right behind. Approaching the man, we looked around to see the faces of those who were not modeling Christian values so we began pleading that it was good time to stop giving advice and take ours... “Put yourselves on a trip to another part of Marion for the evening.” Expressing his thanks to us, David told him that if he needed some safeguarding while he put his microphone and pamphlets together, we would stay until his safe exit was assured. Again, looking at the slobbering misfits before him, he quickly put his equipment into a bag and began walking away with us. The men who beforehand were brash and crude with self-indulged, alcohol-fueled manhood, now stood quiet. David was a wall they decided would not be easy to scale and thus retreated to the other side of the street as we disappeared around the corner of the Palace Theater.

Respectfully:

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