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Good morning Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 550, which would make changes to the laws related to the motorcycle safety and education program.

H.B. 550 will further enhance motorcycle safety in the state of Ohio. Section 4508.08 of the Ohio Revised Code was amended in 2017 to allow “private organizations or corporations to offer any nationally recognized motorcycle operating training courses or curriculum and any course established in accordance with division (A)(1) of this section.” This provision permits nationally recognized motorcycle operator training courses that meet the same standards apply to the Motorcycle Ohio program.

However, recent practice has required certified coaches to also maintain a separate Motorcycle Ohio instructor trainer certification. This dual certification requirement places an unintended and unnecessary burden on private provider instructors. Duplicative certification in the Motorcycle Ohio curriculum is an inefficient use of DPS and Motorcycle Ohio resources.

H.B. 550 would clarify that instructors of authorized nationally recognized motorcycle operator training courses offered by private providers are not required to be additionally certified as Motorcycle Ohio instructor trainers. In addition, the legislation further clarifies that such private providers are not required to have an end-of-course skills evaluation that includes the Motorcycle Ohio Basic Rider Skills (BRS) skills evaluation, if their existing certification meets or exceeds the Motorcycle Ohio BRS skills evaluation.

Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy and members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee, I thank you for your attention, and I ask for your favorable consideration of House Bill 550.

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