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Dear Chairman Green, Vice Chairman Patton, Ranking Member Sheehy and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of House Bill 534.

My name is Scott Baum. I am a Firefighter/ Paramedic with the City Of Hamilton Fire Department. I have been with the Department since May 22nd 2000. I had the privilege of working with Firefighter/Paramedic Patrick Wolterman at Station 25. I came to know Patrick while riding on Medic 25 together. Patrick was a very caring Paramedic. Patrick always had a smile on his face. He worked hard as a member of our Department and earned the respect of his fellow members. Patrick was family to us. Patrick was our brother. Patrick died in a house fire during a rescue operation on December 28th, 2015. He sacrificed his life for the citizens of this city that he was sworn to protect. I feel it's only fitting to protect his legacy. It would be an honor to him, his family and the City of Hamilton to rename a section of street outside his fire station after Patrick Wolterman. A fire station he called home every 3rd day.

I want to thank the committee again for allowing me to testify in support of House Bill 534.

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