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**To: Transportation and Public Safety Committee**  
**From: Representative Scott Lipps**  
**Date: June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Re: House Bill 570 Sponsor Testimony**

Chair Green, Vice Chair Patton and Ranking Member Sheehy, thank you again for giving us this opportunity to express the importance of House Bill 570.

As we stand here today, more than 2 million men are living with Prostate Cancer. This disease is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men and represented 25% of all cancer diagnoses in male Ohioans between 2009 and 2013.

In Ohio alone, it is estimated that 6,760 men were diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2016. Prostate Cancer is the third leading cause of cancer death in Ohio men totaling approximately 1,123 fatalities each year. This disease also disproportionately affects black men, at twice the rate of white males. Veterans are another high risk population, and are more likely to develop an aggressive form of prostate cancer.

Even with these blinding statistics, only about 44% of Ohio males were screened for prostate cancer in 2014. While all these statistics and numbers are discouraging, the good news is, prostate cancer is also very curable - with an unusually high survival rate.

My colleague, Rep. Brown eloquently detailed to you even more statistics and facts about this issue affecting too many of Ohio's population. That is why we are here today supporting ZERO. With ZERO's focus on detection and preemptive screening, we can hope to see lower diagnosis rates and higher survival rates. This license plate bill will spread awareness and promote ZERO's mission.

Every 3 minutes, someone will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. Every 18 minutes, someone's father, son or brother will die from this disease. This is our opportunity to make a difference, therefore I am asking you to support HB570. Thank you Chair Green, Vice Chair Patton and Ranking Member Sheehy, I can now take any questions you might have.