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Senate Bill 117 - Sponsor Testimony
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Chairman LaRose, Vice Chair Kunze, Ranking Member Schiavoni, and distinguished members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill 117 which will designate May as “Drive Ohio Byways Month”.

In 1996, the Ohio Department of Transportation announced the creation of the state Scenic Byway Program as a way to designate corridors with outstanding scenic, natural, historic, archeological, cultural, or recreational qualities. Under the program, county or municipal governments nominate corridors with exceptional scenic features or notable areas of cultural or historical interest.

The twenty-five designated Ohio Byways are:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amish Country Byway• Big Darby Plains Scenic Byway• Drovers’ Trail Scenic Byway• Gateway to Amish Country Scenic Byway• Heritage Corridors of Bath• Historic National Road – Ohio• Hocking Hills Scenic Byway• Jefferson Township Scenic Byway• Lake Erie Costal Ohio Trail• Land of the Cross-Tipped Churches• Lincoln Highway Historic Byway	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maumee Valley Scenic Byway• Miami & Erie Canal Scenic Byway• Morgan County Scenic Byway• North Ridge Scenic Byway• Ohio & Erie Canal Scenic Byway• Ohio River Scenic Byway• Old Mill Stream Scenic Byway• Presidential Pathways Scenic Byway• Scenic Olentangy Heritage Corridor• Scenic Scioto Heritage Trail• Tappan-Moravian Trail Scenic
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower Valley Pike Scenic Byway	<p>Byway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wally Road Scenic Byway• Welsh Scenic Byway
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Designating May as “Drive Ohio Byways Month” will help encourage Ohioans to discover some of the many hidden treasures our state has to offer.

Thank you for taking time to listen to my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you have.