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Chairman LaRose, Vice Chair Kunze, Ranking Member Schiavoni and members of the Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 173.

Senate Bill 173 would designate a portion of U.S. Route 40 in the Village of Kirkersville in Licking County as the “Steven Eric DiSario Memorial Highway.” Kirkersville Police Chief Steven Eric DiSario was shot and killed on May 12 of this year after responding to a call of a man with a gun near the Pine Kirk Care Center, a nursing home in Licking County. The shooter, Thomas Hartless, went on to kill two nursing home employees, including his girlfriend nurse Marlina Medrano and nurse’s aide Cindy Krantz, before taking his own life.

DiSario, who joined the Kirkersville Police Department only three weeks prior to his murder, was 38 years old. He was known by friends and family for his big heart and for his service to the community. Prior to becoming police chief, he had served in numerous part-time and volunteer auxiliary officer positions. DiSario was a father of 6 and was a soon-to-be father of 7.

Needless to say, DiSario had a significant impact on all of the lives that he touched and designating this highway after him would guarantee that his memory and sacrifice lives on.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 173, and I will be glad to answer any questions you may have.