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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 173
Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee
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Chairman LaRose, Vice Chair Kunze, Ranking Member Schiavoni and members of the Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee, I want to thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 173.

Senate Bill 173 is proposed to honor Kirkersville Police Chief Steven Eric DiSario by designating a portion of U.S. Route 40 in the Village of Kirkersville, Licking County, Ohio as the "Steven Eric DiSario Memorial Highway". On May 12, 2017, Chief DiSario was shot and killed while responding to a call of a man with a gun near the Pine Kirk Care Center, a nursing home in Kirkersville. The shooter Thomas Hartless killed two nursing home employees including his girlfriend nurse Marlina Medrano and nurse's aide Cindy Krantz before shooting himself.

Chief Desario is survived by his wife and six children. The terrible consequences of this act on the family are obvious and also extends to a community that continues to struggle with the loss of life as a result of a violent and senseless act.

Chief Desario paid the ultimate sacrifice while trying to protect his community. I have received a significant amount of positive feedback relative to this bill. Passage of this bill would be looked upon favorably by Kirkersville and Licking County residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 173.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Thorp".

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