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State Representative

Chairman LaRose, Vice Chairwoman Kunze, Ranking Member Schiavoni, and members of the Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony for House Bill 347, which names a portion of I-71 in Hamilton County the "Officer Sonny L. Kim Memorial Highway".

This is the least we can do to honor the service and sacrifice of Cincinnati Police Department Officer Sonny L. Kim, who lost his life in the line of duty on June 19th, 2015, while responding to a call in the Madisonville neighborhood. As a veteran officer, he served the Cincinnati Police Department with dignity and honor for nearly three decades and earned 21 letters of appreciation and/or commendation.

Officer Kim's service to his community went beyond his duty as a police officer. He provided mentorship and guidance to the local youth who attended his Japanese Karate dojo. His students looked up to him as a trusted teacher and friend, and his positive influence brought change to the lives of many. He was a caring and loving husband, father, colleague, officer, and friend.

Again, Representative Dever and I appreciate the chance to offer testimony on House Bill 347 to honor Officer Kim and would be happy to answer any questions.

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