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Dear Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 787. (This testimony was transcribed by Chris Garr, CEO at Youth Challenge, assisting Bob).

- I can remember several years ago, my dad and I were coming from the grocery store. It was a general store... picking up food. Somebody parked in a handicap spot. Appeared to have a broken leg. No proper placard or temporary placard.
- At many public events, ADA parking spots are the first to be used for extraneous equipment. The width of parking spaces is often not adequate for the size of accessible vehicles.
- On multiple occurrences, I was unable to access or exit my vehicle because a car was parked on the hash lines. Now I have a rear lift installed, and it is not as much of an issue. Many vehicles with lifts have side access.
- Could there be more comprehensive signage explaining / educating the public about ADA parking rights and the public's responsibilities? For example, please leave 4' for wheelchair access."

I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation. Thank you all for your time and I am happy to answer any questions at this time.

Sincerely,

Bob Vitko

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 12-3-2020

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Are you representing: Yourself Organization

Organization (If Applicable): Youth Challenge

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): H.B. 787

Specific Issue: Accessible Parking

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? n/a

Please provide a brief statement on your position: "I, Bob Vitko, am a person with a disability and utilize ADA parking. I am a proponent of H.B. 787."

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