Chairman Stephens, Vice-Chair Stewart, Ranking Member Weinstein, and members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on HR 56 today. HR 56 urges the Federal Government to amend the Clean Air Act/air quality rules. Specifically, the E-Check provision in the Clean Air Act. Seven counties in Ohio are still affected by E-Check; these include Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, and Summit County.

E-Check imposes a burdensome and costly motor vehicle emissions testing requirements on the citizens of Northeast Ohio and wastes their valuable tax dollars. The current cost for the implementation of this program is $10.6 million dollars per year. If E-Check is implemented in Southeast Ohio it will cost Ohio citizens $25 million dollars per year. These are valuable tax dollars going to a program that many experts and tests have indicated have no measureable improvement in air quality.

This program disproportionately affects middle to lower class Ohioans. As many own older cars, which may be their only car, which generally fail the emissions tests. These cars have been deemed to produce minimal air pollution by experts yet continue to fail regulatory emissions tests.

Overall air emissions are done, since 2015 the combined emissions of the six most common pollutions including carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen dioxide, and volatile organic compounds) have dropped 71%. Air pollution in the United States has improved significantly due to improvements in manufacturing and car emissions, and overall awareness of the effects of pollution.

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Once again thank you Chairman Stephens, Vice-Chair Stewart, Ranking Member Weinstein, and the members of this committee for allowing the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony. I would also like to thank my joint sponsor Representative Grendell for all her hard work in helping get this vital resolution drafted. I am happy to answer any questions at this time.