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Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the House State and Local Government Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify as the Sponsor of HCR 37 and HR 147.

17 missionaries that where taken hostage in Haiti October 16th. These Resolutions urge the U.S. Congress and President Joe Biden to take action. An evaluation of the nation's conscience demands that the federal government use any and all means available to ensure that the 17 missionaries, who without fault were acting in good faith to help Haitians in need, be brought to safety.

We must intervene now. These are Ohioans and Americans that need our help and we are duty bound to provide them with assistance.

I've already penned an editorial to help shed light on this situation. I felt the next step was to introduce these Resolutions before you today to amplify the message further. With time being of the essence, the plan is to move both of these Resolutions forward as quickly as possible while continuing to work with our colleagues in the Senate on the possibility of the Concurrent Resolution being the ultimate vehicle to address this situation.

Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the House State and Local Government Committee. Thanks again for the opportunity to testify today. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.