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Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, members of the House Transportation Committee thank you for the opportunity to testify today on House Bill 16.

In the early 1960s I remember US Route 52 being finished as we moved into the area. For over 60 years since ODOT has maintained, paved, patched, fixed the guardrails along with signs and snow removal, and grass cutting. In short, It was and still is the state's highway, not South Point's. Early in 2020 I got notice that ODOT would no longer cut the median, and that South Point would now be responsible for everything except snow removal and signs, inside the village limits.

At this time the village cuts to almost lawn quality 14 acres inside the interchange and has done so for close to 20 years. So that it will look nice. South Point does not have the equipment to SAFELY cut the median. I have provided photos to the committee providing more detail

I understand that the effort is not being treated the same in all districts.

The included photos are from yesterday as one of our employees cuts the interchange. And a photo from our engineering department showing the amount of mowing we already do at the interchange.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to speak to this important issue and I look forward to answering any questions.