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Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for allowing me to give testimony on Senate Bill 146, which would prevent bid priority for highway pavement types.

SB 146 requires the Director of Transportation to adopt rules to ensure that no pavement types receive priority in the highway bidding process. The rules must encourage competition among industries to prevent monopolies and comply with federal guidelines and recommendations in this space.

In Ohio, we should not show preferential treatment to one industry over the other. This bill will ensure that does not occur.

Thank you for allowing me to provide sponsor testimony today on Senate Bill 146 and I am happy to take any questions from the committee.