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Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey and members of the House Government Oversight Committee, my name is Timothy J. DeGeeter and I am a proponent of HB 360.

I have had the privilege to represent a municipality that is home to one of the largest Ukrainian communities in the State of Ohio. We are so proud of our Ukrainian community that we have named a section of our city "Ukrainian Village".

The residents of Parma know firsthand the great spirit of the Ukrainian people. Hardworking, courageous, and brave are a few words that come to mind when I think of the people of Ukraine. Time and time again, they have demonstrated their ability to withstand all challenges they are faced with, a determination unknown to most. With that being said, I fully support and request that you pass HB 360 to recognize, August 24th as Ukrainian Independence Day in the State of Ohio.

Respectfully,



Mayor Tim DeGeeter