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Chair Ghanbari, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the House Homeland Security Committee, I write today in support of House Bill 416, which would create a licensure for traffic camera dealers who wish to operate and issue speeding tickets in Ohio. Thank you for hearing this bill.

House Bill 416 is good for Ohioans because it curbs the flow of Ohio money to out-of-state companies and provides uniform transparency to traffic cameras statewide.

Ohio is in dire need of traffic camera regulation. Small villages and cities are using traffic cameras for revenue generation and ignoring critical traffic stops, community policing, and not keeping their communities safe from sex and drug trafficking, drunk drivers, or speeders. Regulation is long overdue. We need to impose criteria for approving installations, require that traffic control devices are standardized and operating correctly. For example, within the village of Monroeville there are two traffic lights at two intersections, they both operate at different rates for yellow lights. The traffic lights at State Route 99 and US Route 20 malfunction routinely and the village is aware of the problem, I have personally waited at that traffic light for more than 5 minutes called the village police department and told them it was malfunctioning and was told to go ahead and go through the traffic light. Of course this traffic light has two separate red light camera's and speed cameras associated with it. We must regulate this out of control money grab.

Thank you once more for the opportunity to submit written testimony on House Bill 416.