



**Senator Andrew O. Brenner – 19<sup>th</sup> District**  
**Senate Transportation Committee**  
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**Senate Bill 97 – Sponsor Testimony**

Good afternoon, Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Transportation Committee. Thank you for allowing me to present testimony today on Senate Bill 97. This legislation would designate a portion of State Route 36 in Delaware County as the "Representative Kris Jordan Memorial Highway." I would note that my office submitted an amendment to Senate Bill 97 that would remove the title 'Representative' from the bill for the sake of uniformity with other similarly named stretches of state routes. If the committee sees fit to make that change, I would agree with doing so.

Kris was a lifelong resident of my home county of Delaware, where he was first elected as a commissioner at the age of 25. He went on to win election to the Ohio House of Representatives in 2008, where he became the first freshman to serve as Assistant Minority Whip. Later, he served two full terms in the Ohio Senate returning to the House for his third term there. His career in the General Assembly was marked by his commitment to his district and steadfast conservatism.

Outside of his dedicated public service, Kris was a loving father of three young children, a devoted son to his parents Ralph and Patricia, an avid Ohio State football fan, and a skilled trap shooter. While we would work together and offer advice to one another during our shared years in elected government, Kris was also my friend of three decades. I introduced Senate Bill 97 as a way to commemorate his service to Ohio by naming the stretch of State Route 36 between Scioto Township and Ostrander in Delaware County, near Kris's home, in his honor.

Madam Chair, members of the committee, thank you again for affording me this opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 97. I am deeply appreciative for the time to make these remarks on behalf of my friend and our colleague, Kris Jordan. I would be open to the committee's guidance on the best methods by which to codify this designation, and am happy to answer any questions at this time.