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**Sponsor Testimony – Senate Bill 45**  
**Senate Transportation Committee**  
**Senator Sandra O'Brien**  
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Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to deliver sponsor testimony today on Senate Bill 45.

SB 45 would dedicate bridge TRU 534 4.510 7807295 on State Route 534 spanning the Mahoning in the Village of Newton Falls in Trumbull County as the “Veterans Memorial Bridge.” The proposal for this bill was brought to us by a resolution which was unanimously passed by the Newton Falls Village Council as a way to recognize and honor the Veterans of the Village of Newton Falls and Newton Falls Township for their service and sacrifice to the country and their community.

This proposal has the support of four Veterans groups in Newton Falls: American Legion Post 236, the Army Navy Club, AMVETS Post 112, and VFW Post 3332. All four of these groups represent and are comprised of Veterans who have served our country admirably. The Veterans Memorial Bridge will be a great way to demonstrate that the community remembers and cherishes those who put everything on the line to protect our freedoms.

Thank you again Madam Chair for allowing me to give sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 45. I am happy to answer any questions from the Committee.