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**Written-Only Proponent Testimony—HB 132 Move Over Law (Craig, Miller, M.)**

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Chair Thomas, Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Isaacsohn, and members of the House Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in support of House Bill 132.

I am Michael Farley, and I have the distinct honor to serve as the Vice President, Government Affairs and General Counsel for the Ohio Insurance Institute (“OII”). The OII is a trade and information association of more than 55 Ohio-based property and casualty insurance companies and related affiliate organizations. OII members write approximately 90% of home and auto insurance in Ohio and 81% of home insurance. And OII members write more than three-quarters of the commercial insurance in the state.

We at the OII have consistently championed efforts to make Ohio’s roadways safer; House Bill 132 will do just that. Law enforcement, EMS personnel, roadway maintenance workers, and others perform vital functions to support the traveling public, but face significant danger when stationary, as vehicles pass at considerable speed. Ohio has seen far too many lives lost due to drivers’ failure to move over to another lane when approaching a stationary vehicle. By significantly increasing fines and imposing license suspensions for vehicular homicide and vehicular assault, House Bill 132 will ensure that drivers recognize that moving over is not only courteous but required by law.

I would like to highlight the importance of this legislation to the safety of our men and women in law enforcement. As the individuals who are most frequently stopped alongside our roadways, these public servants take frequent and considerable risk to uphold public safety. The OII is proud to partner with law enforcement agencies on several initiatives to keep drivers safe. By supporting House Bill 132, this committee has an opportunity to protect law enforcement personnel while they are at work protecting us.

Mr. Chairman, thank you again for the opportunity to voice our support for House Bill 132. The OII believes that this legislation will save lives, and we urge your favorable consideration.