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**RE: HB 378 – Create the Blue Knights L.E.M.C. license plate**

Chairman Willis, Vice-Chair Daniels, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to deliver sponsor testimony on House Bill 378 to create the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club license plate.

This bill authorizes the creation of a specialty license plate for the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, with no additional contribution collected from the customer.

The Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club is the largest law enforcement motorcycle club in the world, with over 600 chapters, more than 15,000 members, and representation in 11 Conferences across 34 countries.

Here in Ohio, there are 18 chapters actively engaging with their communities.

Membership in the Blue Knights is comprised of both active and retired law enforcement officers who share a passion for motorcycling and a commitment to service.

The organization is deeply involved in charitable work, supporting causes such as the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Toys for Tots, D.A.R.E., and Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), among many others.

For example, Blue Knights Ohio Chapter XXV has supported the Children's Network of Stark County for the past 18 years.

We're of the opinion that this bill is a simple but meaningful gesture in support of our law enforcement professionals who have put in their time protecting our communities.

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of House Bill 378, and I am happy to answer any questions the committee may have.