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House Transportation Committee – HB 434 Sponsor Testimony

Chair Willis, Vice Chair Daniels, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee, I'm honored to speak to the importance of HB 434 today.

My joint sponsor, and the esteemed Chairman of the committee, said everything that needed to be said. I just wanted to emphasize a couple of important points. Clarifying that the driver's education requirement does not apply to military personnel will have significant benefits for Wright-Patterson Airforce Base which is in my district.

For the base to serve its essential function to our state and our country, allies from overseas are frequently brought in to work collaboratively with the American military, and they can be stationed here with their families for a month, a year, or even more. We don't want them to be disadvantaged because they can't legally drive until they complete driver's ed. And we don't want the operations of the base to be limited because of this sort of red tape.

In its current form, this law is a substantial setback for Ohio's relationship with the DOD and the US Air Force. And the same dynamic is true for fire and law enforcement personnel as it relates to the Drone's for First Responders program implementation. But if we act swiftly, we can correct these errors and enable these important services to function with minimal interruption.

Thank you to the members of the Committee for your prompt consideration of these issues.