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Chair Willis, Vice Chair Daniels, Ranking Member Grim and members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 378, to create the Blue Knights L.E.M.C. license plate.

The Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club is an organization comprised of active and retired law enforcement officers. Over the years, they have contributed to over \$18.8 million dollars to charities across the nation.

One of the charities they contribute to is C.O.P.S., Concerns of Police Survivors. The Ohio Chapter of C.O.P.S. was started by Linda Pope, surviving spouse of Dan Pope. Dan Pope was a Cincinnati Police officer who was killed in the line of duty on December 5, 1997. Police Officer Daniel Pope and Police Specialist Ronald Jeter were shot and killed while attempting to serve a domestic violence warrant. This was a year and half after I joined the Cincinnati Police Department, and it is a night I will never forget.

The Blue Knights donations to C.O.P.S. and the many other organizations they support go to show how they work to uphold their bylaws, most specifically “to develop a fraternal spirit between law enforcement personnel and the general public.”

I think its safe to say that the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club is one of the safest motorcycle clubs around.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony. We would be happy to answer any questions.