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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 submit proponent testimony on House Bill 471, the Deputy Larry Henderson Memorial Highway.

My name is Lieutenant Timothy Nash, and I am the Training Coordinator for the Enforcement Division of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. As a 27-year veteran of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, I have been blessed to serve in many assignments: Corrections Officer, Patrol Officer, member of the Dive and Special Response Team (SWAT), Investigator on the Regional Narcotics Unit, and Patrol Sergeant and Lieutenant. In that time and throughout many of those assignments, I have had the pleasure of knowing Larry for the entirety of my time at the Sheriff's Office and serving with him for a large portion of it. From Larry training me as a member of the Corrections Training Staff when I started, to him being the Commander of the Underwater Search and Recovery team while I was a member of that, to me being his Patrol Squad Sergeant and the Administrative Commander of the Bomb Squad he was a member of later in his career, our paths have been intertwined since 1997.

On May 2, 2025, Larry crossed paths with an individual whose sole intent was to take the life of the first Police Officer he encountered that day. As fate would have it, that officer was Larry. Larry was doing nothing more than what he had done for 33 years: protecting the citizens of and visitors to Hamilton County. On this particular day, he ensured that attendees of the University of Cincinnati Commencement Ceremonies safely crossed Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to the Campus. At approximately 1:00 p.m. on that afternoon, Deputy Henderson was targeted by a hate-filled individual who wanted to take the life of a Police Officer, any Police Officer, after his armed son had been killed in a police-involved shooting several days earlier, a shooting that was later ruled as justified by the Hamilton County Prosecutor. Larry was murdered not because of anything he had done to this individual or their family, but simply because he wore a uniform,

Later that evening, I was told that I would act as the Family Liaison Officer to Larry's wife, Lori. Throughout the following week, as I assisted Lori with preparations and acted as her advocate throughout the complicated process that is planning the funeral of an officer killed in the line of duty, I was amazed at the strength and dignity Lori showed throughout such a difficult and trying time. Lori's selflessness with herself and her time and dedication Larry and his memory (and

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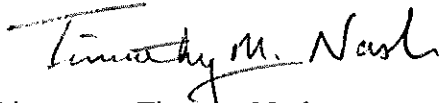
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those of other fallen officers as well), is a testimony to the type of person that both Larry was, and she is.

As a life-long resident of the east side of Hamilton County, Larry lived and spent many of his years on Patrol on the stretch of Interstate 275 near 5 Mile Road. When Lori mentioned to me about memorializing a portion of Interstate 275 for Larry, I contacted Rep. Abrams and passed along her wish. Memorializing this portion of the highway will be a fitting tribute and reminder to anyone who passes on it about the sacrifice made by a man who was simply doing his job to serve the people of Hamilton County.

House Bill 471 has my full support as well as the support of the men and women of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Chair Willis, Vice Chari Daniels, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you again for the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill 471.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy M. Nash". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Lieutenant Timothy Nash