

Senator Andrew O. Brenner – 19th District Transportation Committee April 30th, 2025 Senate Bill 119 – Sponsor Testimony

Good morning, Chairman Patton, Vice Chair Schaffer, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Transportation Committee. Thank you for allowing me to present testimony today on Senate Bill 119, which would name a portion of U.S. Route 36 and State Route 37 as the "Freedom Parkway."

This name is more than symbolic. The stretch of road runs through an area deeply connected to the values of service and sacrifice. Just off this route in Sunbury is the Fallen Heroes Memorial, which honors every Ohioan who has given their life in military service since the Gulf War. This powerful memorial stands as a solemn tribute and a daily reminder of the cost of our freedom.

Renaming this portion of U.S. 36/SR 37 to "Freedom Parkway" offers a permanent recognition of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. It also gives residents, families of the fallen, and travelers a visible, meaningful way to reflect on the courage and commitment of Ohio's heroes.

Chairman Patton, members of the Committee, thank you again for allowing me to present sponsor testimony today on this legislation. I appreciate the Committee's time and attention to this matter and would be happy to answer any questions as I am able.