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Vice Chair Schaffer and members of the Committee, I am honored today to testify in support of Senate Bill 182, which would designate a portion of Lorain Avenue in Cleveland as “John E. Gallagher Way” in honor of the late John Gallagher.

John Gallagher was a World War II veteran who served our country during the height of the conflict, and upon returning dedicated his life to philanthropy. He was the Founder and Chairman of Arrow International, Inc., whose products continue to raise billions of dollars funds for charities across the globe, currently employing over 1,200 jobs in Cleveland. Moreover, John was a devoted husband of over 70 years to his loving wife, Catherine. In 2002, John and Catherine donated a large plot of land along Lorain Avenue to Urban Community School, along with millions in operating dollars.

Today, Urban Community Schools serves 750 of the neediest Pre-K through eighth grade students in Cleveland, where **75%** of students qualify for the National School Lunch Program. The high school graduation rate for students who attended Urban Community School is **98%**, which far surpasses the county average. Urban Community School has revived the entire community, and it could not have done this without the constant support of John and Catherine Gallagher.

The renamed portion of Lorain Avenue would encompass the stretch of road from West 47<sup>th</sup> Street and West 50<sup>th</sup> Street, directly in front of the Urban Community School campus. This would be a small yet fitting tribute to John Gallagher, who gave so selflessly to his community. I would like to thank you for hearing my testimony on Senate Bill 182, and I welcome questions from the committee.