



**State Representative Cindy Abrams**  
*Sponsor Testimony – House Bill 180*  
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Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present sponsor testimony on House Bill 180.

This legislation would designate a portion of I-71 in Hamilton County as the “Officers Dennis Bennington and Robert Seiffert Memorial Highway”.

Officers Bennington and Seiffert of Cincinnati Police department were killed in the line of duty on March 6, 1979. While patrolling, they discovered a man who had a long history of charges for kidnapping, and assault, and an open felony warrant for robbery. They were fatally shot by this violent criminal after pulling him over to investigate further.

The families of the officers recently reached out to my office requesting this road naming as a memorial to them. The highway would be located on I-71 both north and southbound between mile markers 1 and 3, near the site of their deaths at Oak and May streets. After 42 years this memorial is long overdue.

It is important to pay tribute to these heroes who dedicated their lives to the city and citizens of Cincinnati, each serving for over 8 years, and paid the ultimate sacrifice. This will serve as a reminder to honor and appreciate the men and women in law enforcement who protect our safety every day.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony. I am happy to answer any questions the committee may have at this time.