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***"DEDICATED TO TRAINING POLICE SERVICE DOGS TO MEET TODAY'S LAW ENFORCEMENT NEEDS"***

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Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 392.

My name is Daniel Bowman, and I am the owner of Gold Shield Canine Training Ltd., a business solely dedicated to the training of Police Service and Detector Dogs for law enforcement agencies. I am a former police officer and canine handler and have been training police service dogs for the past forty (40) years. I have had the privilege to work with hundreds of police agencies among them the Ohio State Highway Patrol. I have been the trainer for the Columbus Division of Police since the start of their unit in 1992.

The treatment and transportation of injured police canines has long been a concern among handlers. Currently the only option the handler has is to place the dog in his enclosed kennel in the rear of his police vehicle and get to a veterinarian facility as quickly as possible. In doing so the canine lays unattended during transportation, due to the limited access the handler has to the area. This prevents the handler from keeping the dog still and calm, treatment of bleeding, injection of Narcan in case of an overdose, and the monitoring of vitals.

House Bill 392 would allow for ambulance or medic transportation of the dog and his handler, along with medical personnel, greatly increasing the chance of survival of the injured police canine.

A police service dog is a tremendous asset to a police agency and the officers within such agency. His olfactory ability along with his selfless dedication, will often provide a level of safety to officers who would otherwise be a risk.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 392.