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SCR 8 Sponsor Testimony
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Good Morning Chair Roegner, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Craig and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR 8, in support of the induction of Dick Schafrath into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Dick Schafrath was born in Wooster in 1937. Growing up in Wooster, Dick worked with his father on the family farm where he developed his incredible work ethic and began to earn his nickname, The Mule. He attended The Ohio State University and played football under Woody Hayes where he distinguished himself by, among other things, playing both offensive tackle and defensive end.

Dick was drafted by the Browns in 1959 and left Ohio State during his senior year to play for them. His career with the Browns stretched from 1959-1971, winning the NFL National Championship in 1964. While playing for the Browns, Dick blocked for the legendary running back Jim Brown. Jim Brown called Schafrath "one of the most extraordinary human beings I have ever met ... probably the greatest overachiever I ever met." During his career, Dick played in 7 Pro-Bowls and was named 1st team all pro 4 times.

With his amazing career and accolades, we believe The Mule should be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Thank you for your attention today and for your support of this legislation. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.