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Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Clyde, and Members of the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, thank you for this opportunity to offer sponsor testimony for House Bill 410 along with my joint sponsor, Representative Bill Seitz.

There is no need for me to repeat the points Rep. Seitz laid out in his testimony, so I will be brief in mine. Governments exist to serve their citizens, not the other way around. For citizens who are cited via traffic camera, House Bill 410 creates a much fairer process, as has already been stated by my joint sponsor. The bill also ensures that a government cannot have a financial incentive to make petty criminals of its citizens through a wholly impersonal process, while doing nothing stop local governments from adding an additional layer of public safety tools if they choose to do so. I am all for making our roads safer, but not at the expense of civil liberties and due process.

Chairman Blessing, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. House Bill 410 is a sensible response to the Supreme Court's decision, and I am honored lend my support this bill with Rep. Seitz. I am happy to answer the committee's questions at this time. Thank you.