

Committee Chair Green, Vice chair Patton, Ranking member Sheehy, and members of the committee. Good morning!

My name is Anthony Wilson, and I am an Assistant Chief of Police for the Westerville, Ohio Police Department. I am a proponent of House Bill 623, to enact section 5534.403 of the Ohio Revised Code to designate a portion of Interstate Route 270 in Franklin County as the “Officers Anthony Morelli and Eric Joering Memorial Highway.”

I am a proponent of this bill because these brave and dedicated officers exemplified the true character of the men and women who devote their time and energy to the perilous duties of law enforcement. Their deaths are a great loss not only to the entire Westerville community, but also to the great state of Ohio. It is important that we never forget the ultimate sacrifice that was made by these true American heroes. By naming a portion of Interstate Route 270 after Officers Morelli and Joering, the community can forever honor and memorialize them for serving with dedication and honor.

Thank you and I would be happy to answer any questions the members of the committee may have.