



## Representative Jena Powell

Ohio's 80<sup>th</sup> House District

Good morning Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation & Public Safety Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present sponsor testimony on HB 677.

HB 677 will commemorate Kimra Skelton by naming a section of I-75 in Troy as the MCEI Kimra Skelton Memorial Highway.

Last year, on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Kimra was on duty working on I-75 in Troy. At 6:45am, her vehicle was struck and she was killed.

Kimra was a 49 year old mother of two, and, like me, a resident of Arcanum, Ohio. She had been a member of the Ohio State Highway Patrol since October 2005. Kimra was a Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector with the Patrol.

As Kimra's obituary states, "She was an avid softball fan and a 1988 graduate of Arcanum High School and the MCJVS. She has been employed by OSHP since 2005.

Kimra is survived by her husband of 26 years, Brian; son, Cole; daughter, Macy; parents, Gerald and Phyllis Miller; maternal grandmother, Martha Brumbaugh-Baker; in laws, George and Barb Skelton; sister, Melinda (Joe) Martino, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends."

Thank you, and I am happy to answer any questions at this time.