



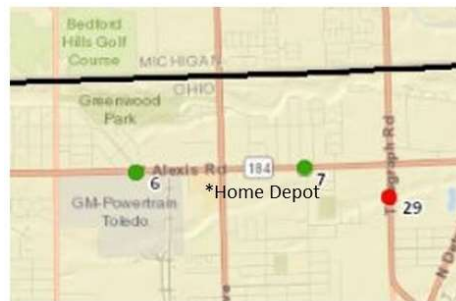
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**House Bill (H.B.) 728: Officer Dia Memorial Hwy Testimony  
November 10, 2020**

Chair Green, Vice-Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee: thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today in support of House Bill 728 which designates a portion of State Route 184, locally known as Alexis Rd, the "Officer Anthony Dia Memorial Highway."

Toledo Police Officer Dia tragically died in the line of duty on July 4, 2020. Officer Dia was killed while responding to a call regarding an intoxicated man in a Home Depot parking lot. Officer Dia was 26 and left behind his wife and two children. House Bill 728 designates State Route 184 between Mile Markers 6 and 7 the "Officer Anthony Dia Memorial Highway." This section of State Route 184 includes the Home Depot where Officer Dia was killed, as referenced below.



Although he was only on the force a few years, Officer Dia showed that he had the potential to be an exceptional police officer. He has been posthumously recognized by the City of Toledo, the American Police Hall of Fame, and the International Conference of Police Chaplains. The Home Depot where Officer Dia was killed has recently unveiled a permanent memorial, and his parents commissioned a mural. House Bill 728 honors the lasting legacy of this young man, and public servant.

I want to extend thanks to my joint sponsor, Representative Mike Sheehy for presenting my testimony today. Members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 728. If you have any questions in addition to what is asked of Representative Sheehy, please feel free to send them to my office and I would be happy to address them.