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Good morning Chairman McColley, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to give support on Senate Bill 66, which will designate a portion of State Route 2 in Lake County as "Patrolman Mathew J. Mazany Memorial Highway" along with my colleague Leader Yuko.

Patrolman Mathew J. Mazany lived in Mentor and it was his childhood dream to be a policeman. His father, Michael S. Mazany, both his inspiration and mentor, was born in Maple Heights and served the community as an officer for 34 years. What big shoes to fill but Mathew had the determination and will to do just that......become a police officer.

On June 24, 2018, while responding to a backup call for help with an arrest of a passenger who had a warrant out, Patrolman Mazany was standing alongside the other patrolman's cruiser when an approaching vehicle on the road tragically struck and killed Patrolman Mazany.

Mathew was a proud and loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle and dear friend. A tremendous loss is felt by all of those who were blessed and honored to know him. He humbly served the Mentor Police Department over the last 14 years. Mathew graduated from Crossroads Christian Academy in 1995 and he went on to graduate from Tri-C's police academy in 2002.

Patrolman Mazany gave the ultimate sacrifice while proudly serving his community which he loved deeply. This road dedication will ensure his legacy of unwavering devotion to the City of Mentor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 66. We would be happy to answer any questions.