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Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly and members of the State and Local Government committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today on House Bill 72.

If enacted, this bipartisan legislation would designate Hispanic Heritage Month in Ohio. This is one way to honor and recognize the contributions that Hispanic and Latino Americans have made to this state and country.

Hispanic Heritage Month would take place between September 15th and October 15th each year. This month is currently recognized by the federal government, and state recognition would bring further awareness to Ohio's Hispanic and Latino population and their contributions to this state. Similar to our autonomy bills in the Taxation code or likewise, this legislation would codify what we recognize at the federal level right here in our great State.

Ohio's Hispanic population totals over 450,000, with my home county of Hamilton being home to among the highest populations in the state. Within the #Great28, the City of Springdale is home to the 5th largest percentage of its residents being Hispanic in the state. As the representative for a large and vibrant Hispanic population in my district, I am proud to work to advance this legislation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify today and I will now turn it over to my joint-sponsor, Representative Alessandro Cutrona.