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Chair Abrams, Vice Chair Williams, Ranking Member Brown, and members of the House Criminal Justice Committee, thank you for allowing myself and Rep. Dell'Aquila to provide Sponsor Testimony on HB 489 to protect the data and financial information of Ohio consumers.

HB 489 was initiated in response that it raises serious privacy concerns and exposes individuals to the risk of data breaches and identity theft, particularly as we embrace digital payment systems.

This bill coincides with Rep. Lorenz's bill, HB 442, known as the Fair Parking Act which would mandate that all Ohio parking meters continue to honor physical options in the form of cash, coin, and credit card payments. We want to make sure as Ohio upgrades and modernizes its infrastructure that Ohioans who prefer cash/coin or do not have the means to pay digitally are not left behind. As our state continues to age, so too must we ensure that our communities and Ohioans continue to have the access and mobility that any other Ohioan has.

As the Ohio House deliberates on HB 442 to create a mechanism and set of standards for digital parking, we must also establish a means to ensure consumer safety and transparency, both for Ohioans that wish to opt for cash and coin payments and those paying digitally. Hence, HB 489 is complimentary legislation to ensure that the personal and private information of Ohioans is protected – not unknowingly sold to third parties or compromised in any way. As my joint sponsor will detail, the amount of personal data that such applications collect, store, sell, or have stolen, is alarming enough for legislative action to intervene.

Again, thank you all for allowing us to discuss this legislation. I will now hand it over to Rep. Dell'Aquila.

With the increased prevalence of digital parking apps and payments, so too have we seen an uptick in not only the amount of personal information that such parking apps require, but the increased location and vehicle data of consumers that has been captured by these applications.