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Chair Ghanbari, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas and fellow members of the House Homeland Security Committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on HB 303.

This legislation is a simple, and ultimately lifesaving, proposal that was brought to our attention by the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association. Their request was to establish a process by which a person may request to add new training or continuing education topics for EMS personnel.

I can tell you first-hand the importance of training when running into a burning building. An EMS personnel's training and experience are the determining factors between getting someone out of that burning building or not. This legislation will open up access to the most up-to-date and robust training initiatives that in turn, will save lives.

During my time in the legislature, I have seen numerous legislative proposals to establish new trainings across the entire spectrum of EMS. There are always new and creative ideas by which we can look to best equip our EMS professionals.

Setting up this process will ensure the highly educated and dedicated professionals at the Division of EMS are the ones making informed decisions about training and education standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you all today. We are happy to answer any questions.