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Chair Ghanbari, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the House Homeland Security Committee, I write today in support of House Bill 416, which would create a licensure for traffic camera dealers who wish to operate and issue speeding tickets in Ohio. Thank you for hearing this bill.

House Bill 416 is good for Ohioans because it curbs the flow of Ohio money to out-of-state companies and provides uniform transparency to traffic cameras statewide.

Every year between Christmas and Thanksgiving, my wife and I go out to visit the family Graves of our deceased. We always go out to Calvary cemetery on Miles road. It seems like every time I go along Miles road I get a traffic cam ticket in Newberg heights. I have received two tickets both when going to visit family Graves. Both are highly questionable as my wife and I are in our 60s and don't drive over the speed limit ever anywhere. But they make it impossible for you to contest the ticket.

To make matters worse, I paid it by check, mailed it to Garfield heights who manages the payments.

I kept monitoring the check to assure that it was cashed however Garfield heights after 3 weeks after I mailed it and had not processed my check.

They made us come in person and give them a second check. They were digging through all kinds of loose paper in their office and could not find the one I sent them. Two days afterwards I received my original check back postmark the same day that I came and gave them the second check.

The fees are exorbitant, and I do believe they are not accurate in the speeds that they claim.

Thank you once more for the opportunity to submit written testimony on House Bill 416.