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Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair Dean, Ranking Member Brennan, and members, of the State and Local Government Committee thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony for House Bill 426.

This legislation will designate the first week of October Stormwater Awareness Week. Stormwater Awareness Week is led by Soil and Water Conservation Districts and local government partners across Ohio. Residents are encouraged to take action to protect our environment and drinking water from the threats posed by stormwater runoff. A few simple steps we are all encouraged to make are:

1. Make trash cleanup a family activity in local parks or your neighborhood.
2. Check weather forecasts before applying lawn chemicals to prevent runoff and save money.
3. Plant deep-rooted native species or trees to reduce soil erosion and absorb rainwater.
4. Responsibly dispose of yard waste through composting or designated programs to prevent runoff.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts tackle pollution sources and aid homeowners with stream erosion and flooding caused by stormwater runoff. Together, we safeguard waterways and communities.

I would like to thank you again for the opportunity to testify and I respectfully ask for your support. We welcome any questions that you may have.