

Chair McClain, Vice-Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee,

First, I would like to say my family and I are thankful and honored that a consideration is being made to rename Highway 39 after my late grandfather, Dale R. Williams. To my grandpa, Highway 39 was no normal highway, it connects Carrollton OH, where my grandfather served for over 18 years as Sheriff, to our family farm in Dellroy, which my family has farmed for over 115 years. The importance of these two places show my grandpa's love for Carroll County and the community. Whether spending long hours at the Sheriffs' office or serving pancakes at a Fall Festival my grandfather loved putting in hard work to ensure Carroll County would be a better place. This characteristic of hardwork and determination can be best seen through his tireless work on the family farm. From the time he grew up until his passing, my grandpa along with his twin brother worked and ran the farm everyday, rain or shine. Highway 39 has the significance of tying my grandfather's two lives. These two passions are exemplified through several core memories of my grandfather that I share along with the rest of my family. My grandpa would typically spend a holiday getting up early to check on the farm, going to family dinner, where he always thanked the first responders during Grace, and then would go to work to relieve his staff so they could be with their families. My grandpa loved what he did. He loved serving others, he loved the Carroll County Community, his life was one of service, to his family and to his community. Renaming Highway 39 will cement the dedication my grandpa exhibited and will be a lasting mark of the devotion he had for Carroll County.

Thank you for your time and consideration