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### **House Bill 317: House Transportation Committee**

Chairman McClain, Vice Chair Dobos, Ranking Member Grim, and Members of the House Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify as the sponsor of House Bill 317. This bill will name the eastbound and westbound lanes of state route number one hundred seventy-two between seventeenth street NW and thirty-second street NW, in Stark County, the "Sgt. Cory M. Endlich Corridor."

Cory Michael Endlich was born Saturday, June 2nd 1984 to Randy and Cathi Endlich. The Endlich family lived in Massillon where Cory attended Washington High School. Cory was a four-year swing band member, marched and played the tuba. He was also in the concert band, where he played the baritone. He was part of cross country and ran for two years as well.

Cory and his younger brother, Kevin, both worked at the local Dairy Queen where a memorial is still displayed in his honor to this day. He also delivered papers for the Massillon Independent. He played in Lincoln Park, sled riding down the hills with his brothers Kenny and Kevin. He graduated Washington High School in 2003. After graduation, Cory joined the Army in 2003 and served his basic training at Ft. Benning, GA. He was trained as an infantryman and paratrooper proudly earning his jump wings. Sgt. Cory M. Endlich was Killed in Action on June 9, 2007 in Taji (Tashee), Iraq, by small-arms fire while engaging the enemy. He was 23 years old.

Cory was the embodiment of what an All-American boy who grew into a man and became a United States Army Sergeant should be. He gave the ultimate sacrifice, and HB 317 is a small way to honor his bravery.

Chairman McClain, Vice Chair Dobos, Ranking Member Grim, and Members of the House Transportation Committee. Thanks again for the opportunity to speak on behalf of HB 317. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to try and answer them.