

47th House District

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- Ohio Children's Trust Fund-
- Ohio Arts Council-
- Ohio Holocaust & Genocide Memorial & Education Commission-

Chair McClain, Vice Chair Dobos, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 379.

I am an avid dog lover. I have two wonderful dogs named Ebony and Ivory, who I cannot imagine living without. And growing up my father's side of the family bred beautiful show dogs. So, I have a love for animals and would want to know if anything tragic ever happened to them.

I would like to take some time to go in depth about the bill set before you. If there was a pet found deceased on the side of the road and it was discovered they have a chip with contact information, the service crew would alert their supervisor who would then contact the department in charge of the specific roadways or highways. After finding the correct department, that department would reach out to the owner of the pet. The public entity will keep and maintain a sanitary place to store deceased dogs and cats, respectfully. Allowing pet owners up to 24 hours to retrieve their beloved dog or cat.

This is a bill that just makes sense. It allows the families to have a sense of closure which in times of a pets disappearance is the best gift anyone could give. Thank you, for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 379. Representative Lorenz and I are available to answer any questions that you may have at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Carruthers". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sara P. Carruthers
State Representative
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