

Representative Brett Hillyer Ohio's 51<sup>st</sup> House District Representative Kevin Miller Ohio's 69<sup>th</sup> House District

Chair McClain, Vice Chair Dobos, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for giving myself and Representative Miller the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 380, which seeks to designate a portion of I-70 in Etna Township in Licking County, as the "Tuscarawas Valley Memorial Highway." This bill holds significance to our community and serves as a tribute to the lives lost and families forever changed by the tragic accident that impacted the Tuscarawas Valley community.

The designation of the "Tuscarawas Valley Memorial Highway" along I-70 is more than just a symbolic gesture, it is a lasting reminder of the resilience and unity that define our community in the face of adversity. This section of highway will serve as a poignant memorial, honoring the memory of those impacted by the heartbreaking accident that occurred on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

This tragedy shook the Tuscarawas Valley community to its core, yet in the wake of the devastation, they witnessed an outpouring of support and solidarity. By designating the highway in remembrance, we ensure that the lives lost are never forgotten and that their legacy continues to inspire future generations to prioritize safety on our roadways.

Thank you for allowing us to provide sponsor testimony and we respectfully request your support for House Bill 380. We are happy to answer any questions at this time.