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Montgomery County Commission President Foley and Commissioners Lieberman and Dodge, thank you for allowing me to testify today. I am Chris Kershner, Executive Vice President for the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. I am here today representing the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce & the Dayton Area Logistics Association, our 2,600 business members and the voice of the regional business community.

The Dayton area business community has had a strategic interest in ensuring that our roads and infrastructure are efficient and safe for our business community and employees to travel. Our efficient infrastructure continues to be a unique value proposition that positions Montgomery County and the Dayton region to stand out above other communities. This investment in infrastructure adds to our attractiveness as a region to retain and attract jobs, and companies to our community.

I am here today to commend the Montgomery County Commission and Montgomery County Engineer Paul Gruner for proactively working to identify new revenues to repair and maintain our county's aging infrastructure. Communities that look to new and innovative ways to identify resources for these types of projects, are well positioned for economic returns. The proposed \$5 license fee is small investment for an almost \$2 million in infrastructure investment return. This is a 400,000/1 ROI.

Safe and basic infrastructure is a fundamental role of government. Maintaining a safe, efficient, free-flowing, accessible and business friendly infrastructure is a strategic role of government that is focused on positive business growth and workforce development. As the Dayton region continues to be recognized nationally as a hub for the logistics and distribution industry, maintaining and upgrading our roadways is vital.

Again, I praise the efforts of the Montgomery County Commission and the Montgomery County Engineer and I ask that you support this critical investment.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.