



Written Testimony – Tory Richardson

House Bill 183 – Aviation Hall of Fame

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Chairman Johnson, Vice Chair Lanese, Ranking Member Craig and members of the Ohio House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security Committee, thank you for the ability to offer my testimony on House Bill 183.

The Ohio Aviation Association has worked for over fifty years to advance aerospace and aviation in Ohio, while also promoting Ohio's rich history pertaining to these industries. In Ohio today more than 120,000 individuals are employed in the aerospace and aviation fields, adding a great portion to our nation's advancements in the technologies and safety procedures of the aerospace and aviation industries. Ohio is the birthplace of aviation and we take great pride in that history.

As board President of the Ohio Aviation Association I would like to urge to passage of House Bill 183. With Ohio being the birthplace of aviation, and an epicenter for innovation in aviation as well as home of one of the largest air force bases in the country, it is important to recognize those achievements.

The Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame will also serve as a learning opportunity for current and future generations of aviation leaders and pioneers. We have taken great strides in recent years to strengthen our aviation and aerospace workforce and promote these vital economic sectors. As a state, we are investing more in our aviation infrastructure and attracting new and exciting businesses to Ohio. It's important that we also take time to celebrate our accomplishments and the great Ohioans who have made our state a leader.

The Ohio Aviation Association supports efforts to establish the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and we thank Representative Perales for his leadership. Thank you for your time and consideration.