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**Testimony of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company  
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Ohio Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee  
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I'm Jeff Schroeder. I have been with Cooper Tire & Rubber Company for 32 years, and over those three decades, I have served in all aspects of tire development, engineering, testing, and quality, including serving as Director of Global Quality. Cooper Tire is deeply appreciative of Representatives Sprague and DeVitis for sponsoring House Bill 42, legislation to prohibit the installation of certain unsafe used tires. We also appreciate Chairman Young and the committee's consideration of this bill.

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company is one of only two major manufacturers of consumer tires headquartered in the United States. The Cooper Tire family of companies employ more than 10,400 workers worldwide and more than 2,400 here in Ohio, where we were founded more than a century ago in 1914.

Cooper Tire is a member of the Rubber Manufacturers Association and support RMA's efforts against the installation of unsafe used tires in Ohio and other states. Safety is Cooper Tire's and the tire manufacturing industry's most important priority.

I am very familiar with safety quality procedures at Cooper Tire. We deploy ever more sophisticated technology and engineering to our tires that improve safety, traction, durability and fuel efficiency.

Our expertise in manufacturing quality tires and performance monitoring includes a deep understanding of risk factors that can lead to tire failure. HB 42's definitions for unsafe used tires represent some of the worst conditions for a tire. Worn out, visible damage and improper repairs put consumers at an increased risk for a tire failure. No tire with any one of these conditions should ever be placed into service, period.

Passage of this legislation will limit the number of unsafe used tires placed into service and we believe will contribute to fewer incidents of tire failures that may result in injuries or worse. On behalf of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, I urge the Committee to approve this bill.

I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you.

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