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The Honorable Ron Young  
Chair, Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee  
House of Representatives  
77 S. High St., 13<sup>th</sup> Flr.  
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: SUPPORT House Bill 42, to Prohibit the Installation of Unsafe Used Tires

Dear Chairman Young:

The Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI) is a trade association representing nearly 1,000 property and casualty insurance companies that together write 45 percent of the auto insurance in Ohio. We respectively submit the following comments in support of House Bill 42, concerning the prohibitions of installing unsafe used tires.

Auto safety is a top concern for auto insurers and PCI. New technologies are making today's cars safer for drivers and passengers, but we are seeing some of the largest increases in accidents and fatalities on the roads in 50 years. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, traffic deaths rose 10.4 percent in the first half of 2016, and have been steadily increasing since 2014.

While safety is the first concern, the increase in accident frequency and severity comes at a time when repair, labor, medical and other costs associated with accidents also are rising—which could lead to increased premiums. To that end, PCI is working with policymakers, industry leaders, and consumers to promote driver safety and enact highway safety laws to protect motorists and pedestrians and keep insurance costs stable.

Enacting HB 42 would provide clear definitions around what is an unsafe used tire, and penalties for those that install them. This will help discourage their use and thus help keep Ohio roads safer.

PCI's urges you and your colleagues to vote "yes" on HB 42.

Thank you for your consideration of our perspective. Please contact me directly at 847-553-3678 or via email at [jeffrey.junkas@pciaa.net](mailto:jeffrey.junkas@pciaa.net) or our Ohio counsel, Steve Buehrer at 614-365-4107 or via email at [buehrer@carpenterlipps.com](mailto:buehrer@carpenterlipps.com) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Junkas". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Jeffrey Junkas

cc: Lt. Gov./Director Mary Taylor, Dept., of Insurance  
Rep. Sprague  
Rep. DeVitis