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September 19, 2017

Chairman Smith  
Vice Chair Ryan  
Ranking Member Cera  
Members of the Ohio House Finance Committee

Re: HB 3, also known as DataOhio

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Ryan, Ranking Member Cera, Members of the Ohio House Finance Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present this written proponent testimony today for HB 3, also known as DataOhio.

My name is Ariane Chan and I am the General Counsel of data.world, Inc., and we are supporting HB 3 because at data.world, we subscribe to open data being the new oil that can help solve society's toughest challenges. HB 3 will make Ohio's data accessible and re-usable allowing it to realize its full potential. We believe that HB 3 will enable the State of Ohio, its citizens and organizations and other interested parties to innovate and collaborate in new meaningful ways and that the State of Ohio will reap the benefits of this innovation and collaboration to achieve greater and faster progress, transparency, public service improvements, economic value and efficiency.

Through HB 3, the State of Ohio can bring the light to bear on data that was otherwise hidden in silos, only available to those researchers and individuals who knew how to access it but who often ended up duplicating each other's work without realizing it. HB 3 can eliminate this wasted time and effort which delays progress.

The State of Ohio has the opportunity to help its citizens and the world at large move research and society forward by opening its data and setting itself as a leader in the open data movement. We support HB 3 for what it stands and appreciate your time and attention to what we believe will be a great step towards solving many of the large societal issues facing us.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Ariane Chan  
General Counsel