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Chairman Ryan, Vice Chairman Lipps, Ranking Member Cera, and members of the House Finance Committee: Thank you for allowing me to offer sponsor testimony for House Bill 53.

HB 53 is a public sector right-to-work bill. Its implementation will change nothing. As you might recall, the *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)* U.S. Supreme Court decision forced public sector right-to-work on the entire country.

Just for the record, I strongly oppose the Courts overstepping their authority by creating national policy and vetoing state law. This is a power they granted to themselves outside of the US Constitution. Regardless, public sector right-to-work will be enforced as if it were properly decided by the people or their representatives.

Therefore, HB 53 will simply align Ohio law to federal case law. State law will protect workers' freedom of association and allow them the choice of whether to support a labor union without being fired from their jobs.

This concludes my opening remarks and I thank you for your consideration.

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