



January 30, 2018

The Honorable Bill Blessing
Chairman, Government Accountability and Oversight Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High St., 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Senate Bill 223 – OMA Proponent Written Testimony

Dear Chairman Blessing:

As you may know, Ohio ranks in the top three states for manufacturing economy. Within Ohio's leading economic sector, transportation equipment manufacturing employs 122,600 Ohioans; plastics and rubber manufacturing employs another 56,000 Ohioans. In short, a lot of family-sustaining jobs are directly tied to car, truck and automotive parts production.

Senate Bill 223 is intended to help protect and grow those jobs and the economic investment by companies and to keep it in Ohio versus other states or provinces.

Tires manufactured today enjoy a lot of embedded technologies from years of product innovation resulting in greater safety for motorists and roadways. The manufacturers must comply with federal uniform government safety specifications.

Industry leaders have identified a problem with too many unsafe used tires entering the stream of commerce, available for installation to a motoring public who may not be aware of their unsafe condition.

In an effort to protect against unsafe driving, the tire manufacturers have suggested this legislation to better prevent the installation of unsafe used tires and provide enhanced public safety. We endorse their recommendation.

We thank Senator LaRose for his sponsorship and would be happy to work with the committee to address any questions the members may have.

We urge your support for Senate Bill 223.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert A. Brundrett".

Robert Brundrett
Director, Public Policy Services