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October 7, 2019

Representative Stephen Hambley  
77 S. High St  
11th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Written Testimony in Support of House Bill 272

Dear Chairman Hambley and Civil Justice Committee Members,

The Ohio State Bar Association supports House Bill 272, the expansion of Ohio's long arm statute. For the lawyers on the committee, this bill brings back memories (probably not fond) of law school, the idea of "minimum contacts" to justify court jurisdiction and the *International Shoe* case. A state's long arm statute determines the extent to which out-of-state actors can be subject to state court jurisdiction.

Most states want their citizens and businesses to be able to bring their legal actions in their own state court systems. Accordingly, most states have expanded their long arm statute to the fullest extent allowed by the Constitutions of the state and the federal government. Ohio needlessly restricts its long arm statute; thereby limiting the rights of Ohio citizens and businesses to have their cases litigated in Ohio.

House Bill 272 would extend Ohio's court jurisdiction so that Ohio would be exercising its full sovereignty in regards to court jurisdiction.

The Ohio State Bar Association's Board of Governors has reviewed House Bill 272 and recommends its adoption.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or want to discuss the bill further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Lundregan".

Scott Lundregan  
Director of Policy and Legislative Counsel