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Chairman Zeltwanger and members of the Economic and Workforce Development Committee. My name is Kent Trofholz, and I am the Executive Director of the Ohio-Michigan Association of Career Colleges and Schools (OMACCS). Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony for HB386, that establishes the Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program.

OMACCS applauds the introduction of bills designed to increase the number of Ohioans who work in the trucking and heavy equipment industries. These bills are intended to make it easier, especially for young people, to obtain their Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

As you know, member schools of the Ohio-Michigan Association of Career Colleges and Schools have been providing CDL training for several decades. Doris Young, owner and operator of the Great Lakes Truck Driving School in Columbia Station, has been in the truck driving industry for over 30 years; Fortis College in Cuyahoga Falls, has been in operation for almost 50 years while offering a CDL training program for the past five years; as well as newer schools within the truck driving industry: Ohio Business College Truck Driving Academy in Dayton and Capital Transportation in Columbus, Ohio. Our Association also supports our newest CDL members within the past few months: 160-Driving Academy in Cleveland and Napier Truck Driving Training in Hamilton, Ohio. All of the aforementioned schools work closely with Ohio employers and boast nearly 100% job placement rates. Demand for CDL trained drivers routinely outnumber available prospective employees.

HB386, when enacted, will undoubtedly address the shortage that Ohio employers are experiencing when recruiting and hiring trained CDL drivers, and is a valuable component of a comprehensive effort to address current challenges facing Ohio trucking businesses. HB386 is a valuable resource for qualified drivers while addressing financial barriers, and is one piece of the puzzle for addressing the known problems in our State's growing economy. The Ohio-Michigan Association of Career Colleges and Schools strongly support these measures and encourages the members of this committee to do the same.

Thank you for your time and for your ongoing support for the students of our schools, our Association and sector of higher education. Any questions you may have can be directed to my attention at [ktrofholz@omaccs.org](mailto:ktrofholz@omaccs.org).