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January 28, 2020

The Honorable Nino Vitale, Chair
House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chair Vitale,

Thank you for your consideration of HR 247. Since the inception of the E-Check program in 1996, there have been rapid advancements in technology and efficiency over the last several years, reducing car emissions substantially. As consumers continue to purchase newer vehicles, older models with higher emission rates are being phased out. Manufacturers are voluntarily making more efficient vehicles and reducing emissions and will continue to be innovative as future improvements come online.

Ohio Farm Bureau policy supports the elimination of the E-Check program with an emphasis on state flexibility and control to meet US EPA air quality standards. Under current law, Ohio will lose federal highway dollars if it is not in compliance with the Clean Air Act, so it is imperative that eliminating E-Check be in tandem with replacing or amending the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards and the Clean Air Act.

OFBF does not dispute the need for clean air, but we question the efficacy of the E-Check program in improving overall air quality. Our members agree good air quality is essential to Ohioans' quality of life, livestock welfare, and crop production, so we appreciate Rep. Roemer for carrying this resolution and encouraging Congress to find more effective solutions than E-Check.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenna J. Beadle". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jenna Beadle
Director of State Policy
Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

Cc: House Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Pat Tully