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Sponsor Testimony – HCR 11

Chairman Becker, Vice Chair Stoltzfus, Ranking Member Miller, and members of the House Federalism Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 11, to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel.

For decades, we heard from Presidents promising to acknowledge that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. Finally, in 2017, President Trump formally made the recognition and began the process of moving the United States Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Now that our current President has fulfilled this promise, we as Ohioans should proclaim what we have known for decades. Not only is this the right thing to do, but this recognition can only help strengthen Ohio's illustrious economic partnership with Israel. Two-way trade between the countries exceeded \$465 million in 2013 and Israel was Ohio's 28th largest export market that same year. This resolution confirms our support of Israel's sovereignty.

Thank you Chairman Becker and members of the committee for your time. My joint sponsor and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.