

April 2, 2019

The Honorable Candice Keller
Chairwoman, House Higher Education Committee
77 South High Street, 11th floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairwoman Keller:

I am writing in support of HB16 to provide residency status for in-state college tuition to active duty military service members and their families. The Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce represents nearly 2,400 members throughout northwest Ohio.

This legislation continues to strengthen Ohio's efforts to support active duty service members and their families. Providing this incentive for these individuals to enroll at an Ohio institution of higher education at in-state tuition will expand access to educational opportunities and help grow the talented workforce that is needed. Studies have shown that graduates are increasingly more likely to remain in the state in which they attended college.

We look forward to working with you, Representative Perales, and others to address other needs in the future that will help Ohio to continue to attract members of the military, their families, and the workforce needed to drive the state's economy. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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cc: Representative Rick Perales
Representative Derek Merrin
Representative Mike Sheehy
Representative Jim Hoops
Representative Lisa Sobecki