



April 10, 2019

The Honorable Scott Wiggam
Chairman
House State and Local Government Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
13th, Floor Riffe Center
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: House Bill 115 –Written Proponent Testimony

Dear Chairman Wiggam:

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) appreciates the opportunity to provide this written proponent testimony on behalf of House Bill 115. As Representative Roemer described in his sponsor testimony, the bill requires certain state agencies and commissions to establish a base inventory of their regulatory restrictions, review their rules, and then reduce these regulations by 30% over the course of three years.

As Representative Riedel testified, "Ohio has the third highest number of regulations of the 22 states so far studied by the researchers with 246,852. According to their numbers, the average number of regulations per state is 148,682. The Ohio Lottery Commission alone has over 30,000 regulations and the Ohio EPA has over 28,000."

Regulations that relate to manufacturers and manufacturing are vital to ensure safety of workers, products and the environment. However, it is also important to ensure that the regulations promulgated are necessary, non-duplicative, and the least burdensome possible while still providing their intended protections. Manufacturers are regulated by all levels of government, from local jurisdictions through the federal government and also internationally. We believe that House Bill 115 will help ensure that Ohio's regulatory structures provide necessary protections while making Ohio more business friendly by eliminating unnecessary regulations that can stifle growth.

The OMA appreciates the time and effort that Representatives Riedel and Roemer have invested in crafting this favorable legislation and we encourage a swift, affirmative vote of the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert A. Brundrett".

Robert Brundrett
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The Ohio Manufacturers' Association