



HB 372 House Ways and Means Committee

Chairman Green, Vice Chairman McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, my name is Tom Balzer and I am the President and CEO of the Ohio Trucking Association (OTA) and Ohio Association of Movers (OAM). Collectively, we represent over 1,000 trucking, moving, logistics, and warehouse companies and allied vendor members. I would like to thank you for this opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 372, which would help alleviate administrative burdens by allowing Ohioans to renew their driver's licenses every eight years as opposed to every four years.

By passing HB 372, Ohio would join two dozen other states that allow citizens to renew their license every eight years, which complies with federal requirements.¹ Extending the license renewal requirements will significantly reduce administrative challenges facing Ohio's CDL holders. This will save drivers valuable time that otherwise could be used earning a living and building the economy by transporting goods for local businesses.

I would like to thank Rep. Merrin for his work on the bill and for engaging stakeholders prior to the bill's introduction. The Ohio Trucking Association and Ohio Association of Movers support this commonsense legislation and urge this committee's support. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Balzer".

Tom Balzer
President/CEO
Ohio Trucking Association
Ohio Association of Movers

¹ 49 CFR Part 383.73 - https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=1&ty=HTML&h=L&mc=true&=PART&n=pt49.5.383#se49.5.383_173