



Proponent Testimony for House Bill 400
Ohio House Ways and Means Committee
February 11, 2020

Members of the Ohio House Ways & Means Committee,

On behalf of Sheetz, I write in support of House Bill 400. This legislation will institute a non-refundable, temporary tax credit for fuel retailers selling E15 and E85 fuel; increasing access to higher ethanol blends for consumers and benefiting the community.

Sheetz is a family-owned convenience store chain which operates over 600 stores in 6 states. Currently, we have nearly 40 stores in Northeast Ohio, with plans to enter the central Ohio market in 2021.

As a family-owned and operated brand, Sheetz is dedicated to supporting the community and our consumers. We were one of the first and largest adopters of E15 in Ohio and across the country. We know that E15 is a high-performance fuel that increases horsepower while burning cleaner and cooler than regular gasoline. It also reduces harmful emissions and contains fewer toxic additives while decreasing the need for foreign oil and supporting agriculture.

Our company has numerous locations in multiple states where we offer consumers additional choices through E15 and E85 pumps. Offering a tax credit in Ohio will undoubtedly encourage the fuel retail industry to look at Ohio as a first option.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We respectfully urge the committee to favorably report House Bill 400.

Respectfully,

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