

February 28, 2017



The Honorable Ron Young  
Chairman, House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee  
13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Riffe Center  
77 S. High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Young,

My name is Tom Balzer and I am President & CEO of the Ohio Trucking Association and the Ohio Association of Movers. Collectively we represent over 1,000 trucking, moving, logistics, and warehouse companies and allied vendor members. I contact you today in support of HB 42, which has been introduced by Representatives Sprague and DeVitis.

HB 42 would make Ohio's roadways safer by prohibiting the installation of unsafe used tires on vehicles that operate on public roads. When a vehicle is equipped with unsafe tires, it not only puts its passengers in danger, but also everyone else on Ohio's roadways.

The Ohio Trucking Association and Ohio Association of Movers are committed to sharing the road safely with all vehicles. However, this is impossible to do if unsafe tires are installed on a vehicle. We commend Representative Sprague and Representative DeVitis for sponsoring HB 42 and we urge the committee's support.

Best Regards,

Thomas A. Balzer, CAE