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The Hon. Andrew Brenner
Chair, House Education and Career Readiness
Ohio House of Representatives
Riffe Center
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Chairman Brenner:

We write in support of HB 47 Students to Soldiers Act (S3A), sponsored by Rep. John Boccieri. The intent of the bill is to ensure that high school students participating in military-sponsored activities and events are not to be unreasonably denied participation in extracurricular activities because they attended a military-sponsored event. We do support the opportunity offered to students to learn more about career opportunities offered by the military.

At the same time, we recognize that the timing and scheduling of some military-related events may conflict with certain school-related demands. In recognition that such conflicts may and do occur, we urge that the bill require the military sponsors to coordinate such activities with school officials in advance in order to minimize such conflicts and to develop procedures to ensure that students are not subject to unfair penalties.

With these understandings, our organizations support the favorable consideration of HB 47.

Sincerely,

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Rep. John Boccieri