



May 22, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Smith
Chair, Finance Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High St., 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: House Bill 643 – OMA Written Testimony

Dear Chair Smith:

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) appreciates the opportunity to share written proponent testimony regarding House Bill 643.

House Bill 643 provides a thoughtful funding approach to address Lake Erie water quality issues. The bill takes a prudent approach in providing funding resources that will improve the lake's water quality. Ohio manufacturers rely heavily on the lake for a variety of business-supporting reasons and it is imperative that the lake be in the best possible condition to support the portions of Ohio's economy that rely on it.

House Bill 643 provides funding for more research equipment and lab space, for projects that enhance efforts to reduce open lake disposal of dredged materials, and funding that tackles the ever growing issue of phosphorus discharge in the lake. These dollars will help ensure that Ohioans will be able to rely on Lake Erie for generations to come for drinking, recreation, travel, and commerce.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 643.

Sincerely,

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

Robert Brundrett
Director, Public Policy Services