



March 28, 2017

The Honorable Joe Uecker
Chairman, Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee
Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square, 1st Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Senate Bill 68 – OMA Proponent Written Testimony

Dear Chairman Uecker:

As you may know, Ohio ranks in the top four states for manufacturing economy. Within Ohio's leading economic sector, transportation equipment manufacturing employs 122,600 Ohioans; plastics and rubber manufacturing employs another 56,000 Ohioans. In short, a lot of family-sustaining jobs are directly tied to car, truck and automotive parts production.

Senate Bill 68 is intended to help protect and grow those jobs and the economic investment by companies and to keep it in Ohio versus other states or provinces.

Tires manufactured today enjoy a lot of embedded technologies from years of product innovation resulting in greater safety for motorists and roadways. The manufacturers must comply with federal uniform government safety specifications.

Industry leaders have identified a problem with too many unsafe used tires entering the stream of commerce, available for installation to a motoring public who may not be aware of their unsafe condition.

In an effort to protect against unsafe driving, the tire manufacturers have suggested this legislation to better prevent the installation of unsafe used tires and provide enhanced public safety. We endorse their recommendation.

We thank Senators LaRose and Hite for their sponsorship and would be happy to work with the committee to address any questions the members may have.

We urge your support for Senate Bill 68.

Sincerely,

Robert Brundrett
Director, Public Policy Services