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## **Senate Bill 320 Testimony** **November 14, 2018**

Chairman LaRose, Vice Chair Kunze, and Ranking Member Schiavoni, and members of the Senate Transportation, Commerce, and Workforce Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 320.

Senator Beagle and I come before you today to discuss SB 320, a bill that would create military member and spouse occupation reciprocity. As legislators from the Dayton area, we see firsthand the impact that Wright-Patterson Air Force base has on our constituents and our economy. These servicemen, servicewomen, and their spouses are vital to not only the Dayton region and the state, but nationally as well.

Specifically, this bill will require state occupational licensing agencies to issue temporary licenses to military members and their spouses if they are already licensed elsewhere and have moved to Ohio on active duty. The bill would require members and spouses to hold a valid license and be in good standing. They must also show proof that they or their spouses are members of the military and on active duty in Ohio.

This legislation would also require state licensing agencies to annually verify the standing of the licenses issued by the other states for each person that was issued a temporary license. Temporary licenses can be revoked if the individuals are not in good standing or are no longer eligible for the temporary license. Fees for these temporary licenses must be one-third of the fee originally charged for the license in Ohio and each licensing agency must prepare a report on the number and type of license issued each fiscal year.

It is important to note that the person being issued the temporary license can only practice their profession in Ohio within the scope of practice that the other state permits, provided that the practice is within the scope of practice in Ohio as well.

Our military families have given and sacrificed much in service to our country. By eliminating this regulatory barrier, we will be able to take a little less worry off of them as they transition to Ohio for active duty. I would appreciate your support for this legislation and Senator Beagle and I would be happy to take any questions.