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Thank you Co-Chair Oelslager, Co-Chair Callender, Ranking Member Cera and members of the House Finance Committee for allowing me to submit testimony on behalf of Terra State Community College today. My name is Dr. Ron Schumacher, and I have the honor of serving Terra State as President. I respectfully submit this written testimony in support of including Ohio's higher education capital reappropriations requests generally, and Terra State Community College's requests specifically in HB 670, the House reappropriations bill.

Founded in 1968, Terra State Community College serves approximately 2,300 credit students annually from our campus in Fremont, online, the Fostoria Learning Center, area employers, and at secondary schools via College Credit Plus. Terra State offers degree and certificate programs in more than 60 workforce and transfer fields. Terra State has a total economic impact in our service area (Erie, Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca Counties) of \$82.1 million annually.

Terra State is thankful for your investment in our infrastructure, which allows us to serve our citizens and businesses. We are also thankful for your support of the valuable workforce training and higher education provided by community colleges, including by Terra State. The projects listed below have been underway since the latest Capital Bill became law. However, the nature of the process and time needed for finalization require reappropriations for these projects to be completed.

Higher Education Improvement Fund:

C36418	IT Project & Robotics Equipment	\$ 3,389.95
C36400	Basic Renovations	\$ 12,144.47
C36414	Northwest Ohio Com Tech Center	\$ 50,000.00
C36416	Workforce Based Training & Equip	\$128,400.00
Total		\$193,934.42

C36418 IT Project & Robotics Equipment is necessary to complete the infrastructure upgrade to deliver state-of-the-art robotics and integrated manufacturing training to both credit-bearing students and workforce training participants. The College invested in new robots, work cells, software, and teach pendants to create real-world, interactive movement among and between equipment.

C36400 Basic Renovations will be used for concrete repair work at the entryway to Roy Klay Hall, which houses the primary student services and admissions offices. Parts of the original concrete have deteriorated beyond patching and need replaced.

C36414 Northwest Ohio Com Tech Center. There has been a series of setbacks regarding the authorization of this request, yet it is still needed, as per a Joint Use Agreement with a critical community partner. The community-based technology lab facility provides access to educational sessions and trainings to vulnerable residents who have had limited ability to travel to the College campus and who are seeking supportive services.

C36416 Workforce Based Training & Equip will allow the College to buy twelve (12) Allen Bradley CompactLogix training workstations. The CompactLogix training workstations will be used in our credit and non-credit training will allow students and incumbent workers to develop and build a solid foundation of automation system knowledge. These workstations are more specifically used to establish communication and control of automated and robotic equipment. These stations allow students and incumbent workers to learn with a variety of automation hardware and software and gain skills such as basic programmable logic controller programming, drive configuration, visualization applications, and distributed control via Ethernet/IP.

On behalf of Terra State Community College, thank you for considering these requests. As no general revenue money is included in this reappropriations request, it will not impact the State of Ohio's ability or need to balance the state budget. Please include higher education and Terra State's projects in HB 670 so that we can continue to serve our communities and prepare our students for the workforce and training needed in Ohio's economy, and throughout the recovery from this unprecedented health pandemic.

Sincerely,  
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