



## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### WITNESS FORM

COMMITTEE DATE: 5/23/19

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TESTIFYING ON BILL NUMBER: Sub. H.B. 166

TESTIMONY TYPE: WRITTEN

TESTIFYING AS: OPPONENT

**FOR BUDGET TESTIMONY ONLY:**

TESTIMONY TOPIC: GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TESTIFYING ON BUDGET ITEM(S): OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolu

DID YOU TESTIFY IN A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE? NO

ARE YOU A REGISTERED LOBBYIST? NO

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

**- SUBMIT -**

Written testimony is a public record and may be posted on the Ohio Senate's website.



## Pike County Career Technology Center Adult Education

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May 21, 2019

Dear Chairman Dolan and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

This letter is to express our support for funding of the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan program.

The Pike County Career Technology Center has participated in the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan program in a joint partnership with Southern State Community College to offer the Class A Truck Driving Academy. This partnership and participation in the loan program has been in existence since May 2017. Over this span, 37 out of 40 students have completed the Truck Driving Academy; which is a 92.5% completion rate.

Removal of this program will adversely impact Ohio citizens who are interested in obtaining an industry recognized credential that leads to substantial employment in an industry that is already facing a labor shortage.

As I am sure you are aware, programs under 600 instructional clock hours do not qualify for Federal Title IV Financial Aid making the Revolving Loan program the only financial assistance available for some students. Several students have informed us directly that the loan was the only way they could afford to take the Truck Driving Academy.

Removing this important funding component will adversely impact adults who want to get into the truck driving industry. Assisting Ohio citizens to receive training that leads to substantial employment in an area of high occupational demand should be a top priority for our state government leadership.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

Lathe Moore  
Adult Education  
Director

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