



October 1, 2019

The Honorable Matt Dolan  
Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee  
Ohio Senate  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

**RE: House Bill 2 – Written Proponent Testimony**

Dear Chairman Dolan:

Industry Sector Partnerships are a proven workforce development strategy that put employers in the driver's seat and have demonstrated effectiveness in addressing skills gaps across the country. Manufacturers, like ours within a regional labor market are working together to influence alignment around common solutions with education and training, economic and workforce development, and community organizations.

It is with that background we collectively write in support of House Bill 2. House Bill 2 requires the Director of Development Services Agency to develop a grant program to support regional industry sector partnerships in consultation with the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation. This support from the state can be the difference maker for any one of our organizations.

Our sector partnerships work with our regional partners to create career pathways in manufacturing to ensure that our students and potential makers receive the exposure, education, and training to have successful manufacturing careers and that our manufacturers have the talent pipelines to support their continued business success and growth.

House Bill 2 also provides for grant programs that will lead to employees and potential employees receiving industry recognized credentials. These important credentials are used by manufacturers to ensure that prospective employees have the right training to participate in today's high-tech manufacturing operations.

Our sector partnerships appreciate the time and effort the General Assembly has invested in crafting this legislation. We also appreciate the work done by the DeWine administration especially the Lt. Governor and the Office of Workforce Transformation for recognizing the importance and the value of industry sector partnerships.

Sincerely,

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