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Chair Dolan, Vice Chair Burke, Ranking Member Sykes and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Substitute House Bill 2 regarding the TechCred Program. I am Jennifer Meek Eells, President of the Ohio Workforce Association.

The OWA represents 20 local Workforce Development Boards across Ohio. There are 245 local businesses represented across these Boards, as well as 28 Business Organizations and more than 40 labor representatives.

The following are the largest business sectors that are represented on our Boards:

- 62 Manufacturing
- 31 Business Services
- 30 Financial Services
- 29 Healthcare
- 25 Construction and Skilled Trade Companies

Our workforce system utilizes OhioMeansJobs Centers in all 88 counties to assist both job-seekers and businesses. Through our Boards and these Centers, we are the state's "boots on the ground" in connecting businesses to services such as TechCred. As technology continues to play a role in a company's competitiveness, OWA fully supports the TechCred initiative and wants to be a strong partner with the Development Services Agency to assist businesses utilize this funding.

Chairman Dolan and members of the Senate Finance Committee, thank you once again for the opportunity to provide testimony. OWA members are eager to promote this program.

Sincerely,

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