

December 10, 2019

The Honorable John Eklund
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square
1st Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Eklund:

On behalf of the more than 2,300 members of the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, I write in support of Senate Bill 156. This legislation will prohibit the defrauding of a drug or urine screening test and bans the sale and use of fake urine for that purpose.

The ability for an employee, or potential employee, to use fake urine is counter to an employer's desire and efforts to provide a drug-free workplace, a safe working environment for their employees, and may put the general public at risk. One of the biggest challenges we hear from employers is the inability to find individuals who can pass a drug test. Employers should not have to worry about the validity of test results because someone used fake urine in an attempt to pass a drug test. SB156 is a common sense approach to help limit the chances of a fraudulent test and to increase public safety.

Indiana, Pennsylvania, and least 16 other states have already prohibited the use of fake urine. Michigan and West Virginia have pending legislation on the matter. Ohio should not be last on this important safety issue.

Sincerely,



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