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Chairman John Eklund
Ohio Statehouse, Senate Annex
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: SB 308

Chairman Eklund:

I write on behalf of the members of the Ohio Cast Metals Association (OCMA). The OCMA is the statewide association of foundries and foundry suppliers in Ohio. Ohio is the largest cast-metals state in the union boasting dozens of foundries employing tens of thousands of Ohioans. Our foundries range from grey iron, to ductile iron, bronze, and nearly any other alloy you might imagine. Cast metal products are a necessary component in modern life and there is not a day that goes by where you won't use at least one.

Senate Bill 308 proposes to grant qualified civil immunity to businesses that operate during a declared disaster. The cast-metals industry was deemed an essential industry early in the COVID-19 pandemic and has been operating continually during the declared disaster.

No one takes safety as seriously as do Ohio foundries which have been working hard to ensure compliance with the newest safe workplace requirements. SB 308 is still necessary to ensure needless litigation is avoided. Without SB 308, every operating Ohio business faces the uncertainty of opportunistic litigation that could threaten their ability to re-open successfully.

The members of the OCMA respectfully urge you and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee to favorably report SB 308 from the Committee as quickly as possible. Ohio's employers need this certainty to re-start Ohio.

Respectfully,

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CC: Senate Judiciary Committee Members

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