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House Bill 46 Sponsor Testimony
House Commerce and Labor Committee
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Chairman Stein, Vice Chairman Johnson, Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan and members of the House Commerce and Labor Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak on House Bill 46. I would also like to thank my joint sponsor, Representative Miller, for his teamwork on this bill.

The pandemic is hurting so many Ohioans and we believe House Bill 46 will help alleviate some of the pain. The bill before you will would exempt bars and restaurants from renewing their liquor permits for the 2021 calendar year. We all can agree that bars and restaurants have been some of the hardest hit by this pandemic. Owners have had to close their doors, redesign their locations to pass state requirements, purchase a wide array of sanitizers, and have restricted hours of operation for liquor sales.

This bill also includes lifting gift card restrictions that prohibited using 30% of a restaurant gift card in purchasing beer or liquor when consumed on premise. By eliminating this threshold we will be removing another hurdle that impedes business.

Thank you Chairman Stein. Representative Miller will now speak to the bill.