



December 8, 2021

The Honorable Shane Wilkin
Chairman
House Government Oversight Committee
Vern Riffe Center
77 S. High Street
13th floor
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Senate Bill 9 –Written Interested Party Testimony

Dear Chairman Wilkin:

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) appreciates the opportunity to provide this written testimony for Senate Bill 9.

It is important that regulations affecting manufacturers and manufacturing are necessary, non-duplicative, and the least burdensome possible while still addressing their intended purposes. We appreciate the attention that this committee has given to the impact of rule reductions on regulations promulgated by the federal government through state delegation.

For example, many Ohio EPA rules implement federal programs. In a previous draft of this bill, these rules would have faced a 30% reduction in rule inventory, causing the affected Ohio programs to be out of compliance and forcing state EPA programs to revert to the federal EPA's jurisdiction.

With a prudent amendment adopted by this committee, rules implementing the minimum requirement for federal programs can now receive further consideration from the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review when determining the most appropriate reduction in regulatory restrictions.

Manufacturers are regulated by all levels of government, from local jurisdictions through the federal government and also internationally. We believe that Senate Bill 9 will help ensure that Ohio's regulatory structures provide necessary protections while eliminating unnecessary regulations that can stifle growth.

The OMA appreciates the time, effort, and leadership that the sponsors and this committee have provided on this issue that speaks to the competitiveness of Ohio businesses.

Sincerely,

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The Ohio Manufacturers' Association