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Chair Merrin, Vice Chair Riedel, and fellow members of the House and Ways Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. Thank you to my Joint Sponsor, Representative Joe Miller for bringing this bill to my attention and for providing an overview to the committee.

House Bill 570 is an important piece of legislation because it is a matter of fairness and equal treatment under the law. Had it not been for backlog and delays that pushed the date Ohioans received their unemployment insurance payouts for eligible weeks in 2020, they would have received the tax break. It is not these Ohioans fault, they did nothing wrong. It was the broken Unemployment System that continues to be broken that failed them.

The broken unemployment system that is outdated and continues to be underfunded. I have the privilege of serving along-side Chair Merrin and Representative Fraizer on the Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Improvement Council for the past couple of years. I appreciate their efforts and feel confident that they are aware of the issues Ohioans faced through no fault of their own. Sadly the delays are common. They are always burdensome and in this case, resulted in a stiffer tax bill.

Members of the Ohio House Ways and Means Committee, we encourage you to pass House Bill 570. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony and we are happy to answer any questions.