

**OHIO HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
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Members of the House Finance Committee, my name is Gregory Campbell II and I would like to share how much Junior Achievement has changed my life.

In my school, I am constantly hearing people hesitant about their future plans. College, career, trade school, the workforce. These are all plans that I have heard, yet many people do not actually start to craft their future until their senior year of high school. Junior Achievement has given me the opportunity to plan my future earlier, which gives me the opportunity to acquire skills that my fellow peers just simply have not established.

Being involved in the Junior Achievement Company Program for two years has given me the opportunity to learn skills like networking, communication, leadership, financial management, operations management, and problem solving. In addition, Junior Achievement has allowed me to be a person that can take an idea, work through solutions, and lead an idea into fruition.

Starting a live company at seventeen and eighteen years old has been an opportunity that many others do not have the chance to experience. However, with your support, you can help students like myself learn the skills necessary for career readiness at a young age, while also changing the way that students can navigate their early age education.