



Sponsor Testimony: House Bill 87

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Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Forhan, and Members of the House Government Oversight Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 87.

All around the world, the American flag is a universally recognized symbol of freedom and justice. At home, our flags serve as a constant reminder that we are all united as Ohioans and Americans above all else, no matter how intense our disagreements may be.

These symbols fly in honor of those who have sacrificed to ensure that our liberty is protected.

House Bill 87 will ensure that American and Ohio flags purchased by our state or political subdivisions are made in America. It's not often you find policies supported by 88% of Republicans and 73% of Democrats, but polls show that an overwhelming majority of Americans support "buy American" policies¹.

We should never see an American flag that says "Made in China." This bill supports American-made products and businesses by keeping American tax dollars in America.

Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Forhan, and members of the House Government Oversight Committee. Thank you again for giving me an opportunity to speak with you today on this legislation. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

¹ <https://www.hinrichfoundation.com/research/tradevistas/protectionism/buy-american/>