



Dear Chairperson Marilyn S. John and Esteemed Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony in support for House Bill 184. As the Executive Director of the Ohio Association of Goodwill Industries, I would like to submit this proponent testimony to emphasize the significance of this legislation and its potential positive impact on charitable organizations throughout Ohio.

The Ohio Association of Goodwill Industries is a non-profit Association dedicated to creating employment opportunities, job training, and support services for individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment. Our member organizations, which are spread across Ohio, play a pivotal role in helping disadvantaged individuals gain skills, confidence, and independence through meaningful work. We rely on the support and goodwill of our local communities to carry out our mission effectively.

House Bill 184 seeks to enhance transparency and accountability in charitable organizations. It does so by introducing new requirements for these organizations. While we recognize the importance of these objectives, it is crucial to ensure that the proposed regulations are balanced and considerate of the unique nature of non-profit organizations like Goodwill.

Our Association firmly believes that the bill, in its current form, strikes an appropriate balance between accountability and the continued capacity of charitable organizations to serve their communities effectively. It is important to acknowledge that the Ohio Association of Goodwill Industries is committed to upholding the highest standards of transparency, fiscal responsibility, and ethical conduct. We believe that House Bill 184 aligns with our core principles and values and will, in fact, strengthen public trust in the charitable sector.

The Ohio Association of Goodwill Industries recognizes the necessity of responsible oversight to maintain public confidence in charitable organizations. We believe that this bill can contribute to the public's understanding of how non-profit organizations operate and allocate their resources while minimizing any unnecessary burdens on our members.

In conclusion, we are highly supportive of Ohio House Bill 184. We believe it will foster a climate of trust, promote ethical practices, and further empower charitable organizations to fulfill their

vital missions. We respectfully request the Committee's favorable consideration of this legislation.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Ogaruba@goodwillohio.com and 614-583-0319.

Best regards,

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