



Proponent (Written) Testimony
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Chairman Roemer, Vice Chair Merrin, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, I respectfully submit written testimony to express our support for House Bill 108, sponsored by Representatives Santucci and Miller. Our organization's mission of building strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter aligns with the mission of Goodwill's focus on helping individuals gain independence through the power of work.

Ohio's Habitat for Humanity network operates over 30 ReStores. Much like Goodwill stores, Habitat for Humanity ReStores sell gently used items to the public while generating revenue to fund the mission. While Habitat for Humanity does not currently have a clearly defined job training program in our ReStores like Goodwill, our organization supports this important legislation that will significantly increase the capacity and reach for the nonprofit community. Its passage would provide the groundwork for the potential establishment of such a program within our organization.

Modeled after legislation passed in the states of Kentucky and Louisiana, HB 108 would allow non-profit organizations that sell donated items to retain 25% of the state sales tax generated from our retail locations, up to \$1 million annually. The retained funds would be reinvested into job training and job placement programs for individuals with workplace disadvantages, such as developmental disabilities, mental illness, criminal history, veteran status, and homelessness.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important legislation. More importantly, we are grateful for your public service and your unwavering commitment to building a better Ohio.