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Chairman Roemer, Vice Chair Lorenz, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on House Bill 324.

Ohio is home to 7 ethanol plants who purchase 233 million bushels of corn annually from more than 5,300 family farms from across the state. One such plant is in my district where it provides great paying jobs for more than 40 people and produces 90 million gallons of bioethanol each year. This fuel is on average 3 to 10 cents cheaper per gallon than traditional fuel and is usable by 9 out 10 cars on the road today. Unfortunately, most of the fuel produced in Ohio is exported to other states as only 60 stations in Ohio offer it compared to more than 2,300 stations nationwide that offer this fuel.

It is our hope by offering this temporary tax credit that this legislation will expand the availability of bioethanol to Ohioans by incentivizing the fuel industry to add this cost saving option across the state.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank my joint sponsor, Representative McClain, for allowing me to work on this bill. Through his hard work, the last general assembly passed this bill with unanimous support in the House. I would like to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony and respectfully ask for the committee's support of this legislation.