



OHIO SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Bill Roemer
Chairman, Ohio House Ways and Means Committee
77 S. High St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Roemer,

I write on behalf of the members of the Ohio Soybean Association to express our support for House Bill 347. This is an important bill that aims to simply clarify that the agricultural sales tax exemption applies to certain all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility task vehicles (UTVs), compact tractors and trailers when those items are purchased for use in production agriculture.

Many types of ATVs, UTVs, compact tractors and trailers are often used to inspect crops and livestock, inspect and maintain systems such as irrigation, drainage tile and fence lines, apply fertilizer and crop protection tools, herd livestock; mow grass; and to transport various products around the farm. Given Ohio's varied landscapes, the versatility of these machines is important for many producers to maneuver around their operations.

Due to the general nature of Ohio's current law on the agricultural sales tax exemption, there can often be confusion either at the point of sale or when completing the Ohio Department of Taxation's eligibility review questionnaire about the eligibility of such items for the sales tax exemption. House Bill 347 will make clear that bona fide agricultural producers, providing their IRS Schedule F, qualify for the sales tax exemption when purchasing these items.

The approach taken in House Bill 347 is a commonsense approach to help eliminate confusion in the law. It helps preserve the integrity of Ohio's agricultural sales tax exemption and preserves its place in ensuring inputs used to produce our food aren't taxed at multiple points throughout the supply chain.

We urge you and members of the committee to favorably pass House Bill 347. Please feel free to contact Brandon Kern, OSA's Director of Public Affairs and Issues Analysis if you have any questions at bkern@soyohio.org.

Respectfully,

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President, Ohio Soybean Association

Cc: Members of the House Ways and Means Committee
State Representative Don Jones