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Chairman Shaffer, Vice Chair Landis, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, we appreciate the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on House Bill 162.

This legislation recognizes several federal agriculture days in state law, including FFA Week, 4-H week, Agriculture Day, and Farmer’s Day. These commemorative days will serve as a way to teach the next generation the importance of agriculture and encourage them to pursue careers in one of Ohio’s largest industries.

4-H and FFA have had a personal impact on my life. Both my wife and myself were members of these organizations and our children also became members. It was the valuable lessons that our children learned through these groups that inspired them to pursue careers in agriculture. It is my hope that my grandchildren will also be inspired by these groups and follow in their parents’ footsteps.

For those who are less familiar with 4-H and FFA, they have been apart of Ohio agriculture for over 100 years, with 4-H being founded in Clark County, Ohio in 1902. Their impact can best be summarized with 4-H’s motto “To make the best better.” Both organizations teach the important lessons of hard work, service, and civic duty. Their alumni are in all walks of life, from local farmers to former Presidents of the United States.

This bill passed through the House with unanimous support and I thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony and respectfully ask for your support of this legislation. Thank you all for your time and I will pass things over to my joint sponsor Representative Kick.