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Chairman Schaffer, Vice Chair Landis, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the House Agriculture Committee, we appreciate the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on House Bill 364.

In the past 20 years, the Monarch butterfly population has plummeted by nearly 90 percent. This alarming rate of decline was the inspiration behind this legislation. For those not familiar with monarch butterflies, they are famous for their multi generation migration starting in Mexico and coming to Ohio where they lay their eggs only on milkweed, which then serves as their only source of food before they travel back south to Mexico.

This legislation seeks to increase the amount of milkweed available by permitting conservation organizations the ability to distribute milkweed seeds noncommercially among their members.

This legislation passed the House unanimously and I 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 Dobos.