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**Senate Education Committee**

Ohio Statehouse  
1 Capital Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

**Chair Brenner, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Ingram, and other distinguished members of the Senate:**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill 33 requesting the Senate Education Committee support \$3 million in funding in the FY 24 -25 Ohio operating budget to expand workforce development, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship programming to Ohio students.

My name is Charles Bond and I reside in North Canton, Ohio. I have the unique opportunity to write to you as not only an educator having students that are impacted by Junior Achievement but I myself was once a student at the same school and have experienced how Junior Achievement equips young entrepreneur students with business acumen.

Junior Achievement helped set the course for my college career. I completed a double major in Sales and Marketing management at the University of Akron and came back to the classroom throughout college to help foster the next company programs.

Six years later, I still carry my company's annual report to every job or internship interview as well as my interview to teach business to high school students which means an interview always starts or ends with my Junior Achievement experience.

Junior Achievement has been an important part of my life. Now as an educator, I am seeing our impact on a very large scale. I am asking that legislation to help Junior Achievement reach and impact more students throughout the state be moved forward. Please support our mission in building the skills that employers seek and that entrepreneurs need by passing this legislation.

Sincerely,  
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