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Ohio Chemistry Technology Council Testimony Interested Party to House Bill 33

Chairman Dolan, Vice Chairman Cirino, Ranking Member Sykes and members of the Senate Finance Committee, my name is Andy Swaim. I am the Director of Government and External Affairs for the Ohio Chemistry Technology Council (OCTC). Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 33 (HB 33).

OCTC is the leading advocate for Ohio's chemistry industry. Ohio is the third largest chemical manufacturing state in the country. The chemistry industry in Ohio employs over 40,000 people, pays an average annual wage of over \$100,000, and contributes more than \$31 billion to the state's economy.

The OCTC represents manufacturers who are constantly innovating to produce high-tech solutions that positively impact the everyday life of all Ohioans. One of those more recent developments is in the area of advanced recycling. Advanced recycling is a complementary technology to traditional recycling in which companies can take post-consumer, post-industrial used plastics and utilize a variety of technologies to recycle the materials into polymers, lubricants, new plastics, and other chemical feedstocks. The resultant products create virgin quality plastic for food, medical, and pharmaceutical packaging applications.

In the 2019 Operating Budget, the General Assembly helped OCTC to codify the regulatory framework for two manufacturing processes that make advanced recycling possible. The goal was to create a solid regulatory framework for the emerging industry that would encourage future investment in the state. I am proud to report that Ohio currently has three operating advanced recyclers, an additional project that was recently announced, and at least one more advanced recycler that is planning to make their final investment decision later this year.

OCTC along with the American Chemistry Council recently authored language with input from Ohio EPA that would update that framework to more accurately reflect how far the industry has come in the past few years. That language adds two additional manufacturing processes to the list of advanced recycling technologies. It also codifies certain industry-recognized recycled materials certification processes. The language was included in the House-passed version of HB 33, however it was removed in the substitute bill that was accepted earlier this week. OCTC respectfully urges this committee to reconsider the removal of



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that language in the upcoming omnibus amendment in order to update the law for our existing advanced recycling operations and to attract future investment in this bustling industry in Ohio.

Global demand for recycled materials is growing rapidly. Advanced recycling technologies offer a way to provide higher-quality plastics than traditional recycling, while also providing the capability to recycle a greater variety of post-use plastics. The industry is poised to make tens of billions of dollars in investment over the next couple of decades. With the aforementioned critical regulatory changes, we will be well positioned to attract that investment to Ohio. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.