



**Senate Finance Committee
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Senator Dolan and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

On behalf of Dayton Live, I am pleased to write in support of Senate Bill 288. Dayton Live, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization and one of the region's premier arts organizations, elevates a thriving downtown experience as the primary host and presenter for performing arts in the region. People from throughout the Miami Valley have experienced the arts in Dayton Live's facilities for decades as Dayton Live proudly presents diverse programming and quality education and engagement activities that bring our community together.

More than 400,000 visitors attend events at Dayton Live, including tens of thousands of students. Dayton Live has an **annual economic impact of \$35M**—the importance of this cannot be overstated.

Thank you and the Senate for your hard work in crafting Senate Bill 288. I am especially grateful for the inclusion of Dayton Live and funding for the Schuster Center in this important piece of legislation. I know these decisions are not easy and that there are needs from all around the state. Thank you for recognizing this as an essential project to support.

The funding provided by SB 288 will be vital for several expensive, major repairs and updates that are needed at the Schuster Center. This will significantly impact our community by ensuring the future of the arts will continue to grow and continue to be impactful to the region and its people.

This is particularly important as we prepare, along with the entire Dayton community, to host the **NATO Spring Parliamentary Assembly in 2025**. All eyes of the world will be on this important international event, and it is imperative that we are able to put our very best foot forward. This funding will help us do just that.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our state's future. Your efforts are making a meaningful difference.