



THE VOICE OF OHIO'S HIGH-TECH CHEMISTRY COMMUNITY...
MAKING A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL OHIOANS.

JENN KLEIN, PRESIDENT

Board of Directors

Chair – Heather Rutz
Cenovus Lima Refinery
Vice Chair – Chuck Almroth
Jones-Hamilton Company
Treasurer – MJ Rea-Jordan
Univar Solutions
Past Chair – Hadley Stamm
LANXESS

Kevin Baird
PPG

Joseph Bianco
INEOS Nitriles
Lee Bowers

RPM International
James Bull

Capital Resin Corporation
Joseph Bush
Syensqo

Fernando Carvalho
Ashland

Mike Flaherty
Emery Oleochemicals
Zach Fries

McGean

Elizabeth Grove
The Lubrizol Corporation
Jennifer Harrington

DuPont

Steel Hutchinson
GFS Chemicals

Jonathan Kammerer
Americas Styrenics

Kyle Kohlhaas

Dover Chemical Corporation
Matthew O'Connor

Zaclon LLC

Rob Paxton

Shepherd Chemical Company
Terry Snell

BASF

Jeffrey VanMatre
Kraton Polymers

April 24, 2024

Ohio Chemistry Technology Council Testimony In Support of Senate Resolution 155

Chair Kunze, Vice Chairman Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Transportation 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 provide testimony in support of Senate Resolution 155 (SR 155).

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 more than 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 petroleum refineries and chemical manufacturers, which produce transportation fuels, coatings, lubricants, additives, and numerous other materials that are critical to the production and use of vehicles in both the internal combustion engine (ICE) and electric vehicle (EV) sectors. Many of the materials and products that supply the EV market are manufactured from petrochemical feedstocks that are created during the refining of fuels used in ICE vehicles. This includes lightweight materials promoting fuel efficiency, specialty products that improve the safety and longevity of EV batteries, and many more. Therefore, policies that mandate a technological transition to electric vehicles too abruptly could cause economic harm to the state's refineries while also creating supply shortages of critical materials that chemical manufacturers need to supply the technological needs of the entire automotive industry as well as nearly every other industry sector.

OCTC is in no way anti-EV. Innovation in our industry has enabled these technologies to proliferate and thrive in the marketplace. OCTC believes that market-driven and technology neutral policies will lead to better more efficient outcomes for consumers, producers, and workers in Ohio. OCTC supports market competition and consumer choice in the automotive marketplace. Considering that many car manufacturers have already announced plans for their EV transition, there is no reason to believe that an arbitrarily proposed date from regulators would provide better outcomes for such a substantial technological transition.



THE VOICE OF OHIO'S HIGH-TECH CHEMISTRY COMMUNITY...
MAKING A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL OHIOANS.

JENN KLEIN, PRESIDENT

SR 155 is a resolution that supports free markets and common-sense public policy making. The resolution is correct to push back on a well-intentioned but ill-conceived federal proposal. As such, OCTC respectfully requests that the committee support and advance this legislation. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure. Please reach out if you have any questions on this issue.