



Chair Blessing, Vice Chair Roegner, Ranking Member Smith, and members of the Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 4.

My name is Ty Sutton and I am the President & CEO of Dayton Live. Dayton Live, located in the heart of downtown Dayton, is one of city's premier not-for-profit arts organizations. We present more than 300 performances for all ages and interests each year, including touring Broadway, comedians, concerts, films, and family shows. We operate and maintain the Benjamin & Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center, Victoria Theatre, Metropolitan Arts Center (home of The Loft Theatre) and PNC Arts Annex for the benefit of the community and the arts organizations that use them.

On behalf of Dayton Live, I urge your support of Senate Bill 4-- the extension and updating of the Ohio's Motion Picture Tax Credit to work better for our industry.

Nearly half a million people attended performances and events last year in our facilities. We currently have an economic impact on the region of more than \$28.6 million.

Dayton Live's facilities and programs are undeniably recognized in recruiting businesses and top-level talent to the Dayton region. More than 41,000 children and adults attended Education & Engagement programs last year. More than 13,000 students from 14 counties and 92 school districts experienced live theatre through Dayton Live programs.

Updating Ohio's Film and Theater Tax Credit to include some of the provisions recognized as beneficial in the state of Georgia will open additional opportunities not only for Dayton Live but theatres in every corner of the State of Ohio. Our Miami Valley community is rich with high quality, state-of-the-art facilities, a robust workforce, and supportive audiences. Extending the tax credit to include an uncapped and nonrefundable 30% credit, a 25% credit on capital projects, and a year-round application process would help us leverage these tremendous assets to drive even more in economic development than we are currently.

Positioning Ohio to become a launch site for Pre-Broadway productions, national tours and productions staying in our cities for longer runs will have significant positive impact on our communities. This will create jobs, drive employment for our labor force and return dollars to our economy.

Our state has the country's fourth largest interstate system of 8,000 miles and Ohio's centralized geographic location nationally makes it efficient for routing tours.

Let's not continue to allow other states to enjoy the benefits that result from this tax credit. Our communities will benefit both artistically and economically.

I ask your strong consideration to pass Senate Bill 4.