



## **Ohio Restaurant & Hospitality Alliance Interested Party Testimony on House Bill 134**

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Chair Klopfenstein, Vice Chair Newman, Ranking Member Miller and Members of the House Agriculture Committee:

On behalf of Ohio's 25,821 restaurant and foodservice locations and Ohio's 564,000 restaurant and foodservice workers, the Ohio Restaurant & Hospitality Alliance (ORHA) appreciates the opportunity to provide Interested Party testimony on House Bill 134.

Ohio's restaurants work hard every day and follow Ohio's food safety laws and regulations to ensure that the food they serve is safe for customers. Staff undertake rigorous training to help them understand everything they need to do to be fully compliant with all food safety laws. The industry takes pride in our efforts to maintain a safe environment for all customers. For this reason, we would like to caution the General Assembly on proceeding too quickly with any legislation carrying concerns about food safety. Multiple county health officials relayed their worries about this bill and the food safety risks of there being differing rules and regulations for home enterprise kitchens than for other food sold for public consumption. We appreciate Ohio's health departments that oversee food safety rules and regulations and Ohio restaurants that value food safety and Ohio's food safety laws. We encourage the General Assembly to be thorough and work with all those tasked with food safety as they consider changes to Ohio's food safety laws.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to provide testimony. If you have any questions, I am happy to be a part of conversations regarding Ohio food safety and Ohio's food safety laws and regulations.

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