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**House of Representatives Commerce and Labor Committee
Senate Bill 50 — Sponsor Testimony
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Chairman Johnson, Vice Chair Lear, Ranking Member McNally, and members of the House of Representatives Commerce and Labor Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 50.

I have already spoken about Senate Concurrent Resolution 3, which urges Congress to expand the range of time that 14- and 15-year-olds can work until 9 PM year-round in Ohio with their parents' consent with no increase in total hours. Senate Bill 50 enshrines this change into Ohio law and Ohio would join 13 states that currently have this policy in place.

As I mentioned previously, this legislation states clearly that if a 14- or 15-year-old wishes to work until 9 PM during the school year, he or she must have the approval of their parent or legal guardian and a school administrator.

This bill does not propose expanding the total hours the 14- & 15-year-olds can work--18 in a week is current law--nor does it change the maximum hours he or she can work in a day--3 hours only.

Additionally, this bill ensures that the allowed working hours are listed on the 14- or 15-year old's work permit. Other than that change, this is precisely the same bill as Senate Bill 251, which passed unanimously out of the Senate in the 134th General Assembly when Senator Maharath and I joint sponsored it and currently has the same language as Senate Bill 30, which was passed by the Senate in 135th General Assembly.

This bill also has the support of the NFIB – Ohio, the Ohio Restaurant and Hospitality Alliance, American for Prosperity – Ohio, Greater Ohio Showmen’s Association, and the Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce

Thank you once again Chairman Johnson and members of the committee for the opportunity to present this legislation to you today. I will be glad to answer any questions at this time.