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Memorandum For Chair, Ohio House of Representatives-Education Committee

Subject: Support for HB 500 – Designating JROTC as a Career-Technical Education Program

Members of the Education Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 500, which would allow school districts to designate JROTC as a Career-Technical Education (CTE) program.

JROTC aligns closely with CTE by preparing students for both military and civilian careers through leadership training, teamwork, discipline, logistics, communication, and civic responsibility. The program develops the same employability and technical skills emphasized in other CTE pathways such as public safety, government, and business management.

For many students, JROTC is the carrot that gets them excited about coming to school—it gives them purpose, structure, and a reason to stay engaged academically. To those students interested in military service, completion of two or more years in JROTC qualifies them for advanced enlistment placement, giving them a tangible head start in their military careers.

Recognizing JROTC as a CTE pathway through HB 500 will ensure programs across Ohio have the funding and recognition they deserve, while strengthening workforce readiness and honoring the service-minded leadership that JROTC instills.

I strongly urge you and the members of the House Education Committee to support HB 500. This bill acknowledges the vital role JROTC plays in preparing the next generation of Ohio's leaders.

Respectfully,

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