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MEMO FOR the 136th Ohio General Assembly

FROM: Senior Army Instructor

SUBJECT: Support for HB 500 – Recognizing JROTC as a Career and Technical Education Program

Dear Members of the 136th Ohio General Assembly,

My name is Dennis P. Marshall, Major, U.S. Army (Retired), and I serve as the Senior Army Instructor at Lorain High School, 2600 Ashland Ave, Lorain, Ohio 44052. With over thirty years of experience in military leadership and education, I have seen firsthand the profound and positive impact that the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) has on students, schools, and communities.

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 500 (HB 500), which aims to recognize the JROTC program as a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program in Ohio. This recognition is long overdue and would provide meaningful benefits for Ohio's students and school districts alike.

JROTC in public schools instills essential life skills, including leadership, discipline, teamwork, and civic responsibility. These skills not only prepare students for success in the workforce and higher education but also foster engaged, responsible citizens. The program offers a structured and supportive environment that motivates students to excel academically and personally.

Importantly, HB 500 would provide Ohio students the opportunity to earn the Military's Graduation Seal through their participation in JROTC, recognizing their dedication and achievements while expanding their pathways to graduation. In addition, JROTC's robust curriculum encompasses a wide range of subjects, including health, geography, civics, and financial literacy, making it a valuable component of a well-rounded education. Granting additional credit for completion of these courses would reflect the true breadth and rigor of the JROTC experience.

Furthermore, recognizing JROTC as a CTE program would make it eligible for additional support and funding through the Federal Perkins Grant. Many JROTC programs in Ohio are currently underfunded by their host schools, and access to Perkins funds would provide much-needed resources to improve and expand these opportunities for students across the state.

In summary, HB 500 will strengthen our schools, honor the dedication of JROTC cadets and instructors, and open new doors for Ohio's youth. I respectfully urge you to support this important legislation.

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A blue ink signature of Dennis P. Marshall, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

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