

February 26, 2025

Ohio House 77 S. High Street Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative,

My name is Tom Daskalakis, Chief Executive Officer of Clinton Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, Ohio. I am a proud supporter and board member of Junior Achievement (JA) of OKI Partners, serving 27 counties in western and southern Ohio. I am writing to share information on the impact JA has on the lives of young people.

JA plays a pivotal role in helping to prepare students across our state for careers in their communities. Especially important are the opportunities JA provides to connect with professionals in the workforce to facilitate career exploration. These opportunities, combined with the pivotal role of educating young minds on topics related to financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness, provide a foundation for future success.

The West Chester/Liberty Chamber Alliance has both participated in and been witness to the positive impact of JA's initiatives. A primary example is engagement with students through the JA Inspire events that happen across Western Ohio. Over the past five years, companies have been able to directly connect with and engage students to discuss careers within their area of interest. These face-to-face interactions with students are invaluable for talent recruitment. These events are primary sources for giving the students a chance to better understand their place in the workforce.

The work JA does in Ohio is vital to the development of students that will one day be the workforce that our state depends on. I ask you to include an amendment to HB 96 that would provide \$2.75 million per fiscal year for Junior Achievement. This funding will expand JA's impact statewide, ensuring that every student has access to resources that empower them to make actionable career plans and contribute to Ohio's workforce. The funding will support programs in all 88 counties.

I fully support this request. Ohio relies on organizations like JA to provide the continued development of students to ensure the prosperity of our state through its companies.

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Chief Executive Officer



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Dear Representative,

My name is Joe Hinson, President & Chief Executive Officer of the West Chester - Liberty Chamber Alliance in West Chester, Ohio. I am a proud supporter and volunteer of Junior Achievement (JA) of OKI Partners, serving 27 counties in western and southern Ohio. I am writing to share information on the impact JA has on the lives of young people.

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