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Ohio House District 83

Government Oversight Committee
House Bill – Sponsor Testimony

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Chair Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the Government Oversight Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on House Bill 223, which I am proud to introduce with Representative Willis and the support of several cosponsors.

This bill:

- Prohibits state agencies and political subdivisions from using public funds to purchase U.S. or Ohio flags not made in the United States.
- Honors the significance of our flags as symbols of freedom, sacrifice, and service.
- Supports American jobs and manufacturers by ensuring taxpayer dollars stay in the U.S.
- Aligns Ohio with other states that have enacted similar common-sense, patriotic policies.
- Applies to all public entities—counties, municipalities, townships, and state agencies.
- Reinforces that we don't just salute the flag—we stand behind those who make it.

Thank you, Chair Hall and members of the committee, for your time and consideration. With that, I'll turn it over to my joint sponsor, Representative Willis, to share more on why this bill matters

