



**Testimony on SFY 26/27 Operating Budget  
House Health Committee**

Chairwoman Schmidt, Vice-Chair Deeter, Ranking Member Somani, and esteemed committee members,

My name is Robert A. Witt, I am the CEO of Angeline Industries, Inc., and we are located in Upper Sandusky, Ohio at 210 N. Sandusky Ave. We currently serve two counties, Seneca and Wyandot counties. We offer services out of three (3) different physical locations in both counties. We offer daily community integration opportunities in Wyandot County as well as Adult Day Service, Vocational Habilitation Service, HPC Services and NMT Services. We have an industries training location where we teach real life work skills that also pays minimum wage to our clients who are interested in pursuing integrated jobs in the community. We also have a contract to clean our local Wyandot Community Connections building where 4 individuals are able to learn hands-on job skills which they may utilize later in obtaining competitive community employment. We offer multiple daily community opportunities in which our clients can go and volunteer, shop, visit and connect with the local community. In Seneca County we offer HPC Services as well as community-based ADS or Vocational Habilitation Services while having a brick-and-mortar hub where we can attend to lunch or hygiene needs. Our team of fourteen employees are proud to provide essential services to forty (40) Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

First, I want to express our deep gratitude for the investment in disability and vocational rehabilitation (VR) services in the last state budget. Your support allowed Ohioans with disabilities access and resources to find, keep and succeed at meaningful jobs in their communities. We have recently hired a former client who offers custodial services at our two (2) Wyandot County locations. He had been served by Angeline Industries for 40 + years prior to his employment with our organizations. He is the second client in 2 years that has "graduated" from our Vocational Habilitation Services to work in community integrated job sites. We are very proud of them both.


I respectfully submit this testimony in support of the budget initiative proposed by Governor DeWine and Director Miller for Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) as outlined in House Bill 96. These initiatives help ensure that all Ohioans have access to the resources and opportunities to be successful in the workforce and their chosen

careers. The budget proposal also supports accessibility initiatives, internship opportunities, and state partnerships that help Ohioans with disabilities live, work and thrive in their communities.

Vocational Habilitation Services are so valuable to the clients we serve. It is vitally important for the people we serve to realize their right and potential to be active, important, contributing members of their community. We must make it a priority to serve all of our clients with the best possible programming in order for them to live their best lives.

The budget initiatives for Ohioans with developmental disabilities, guided by the leadership of Director Miller will reinforce and strengthen the services provided by Angeline Industries, Inc, We encourage this committee to support the OOD budget proposal as outlined in HB 96.

With your leadership, together we can ensure these services are available to the Ohioans that so greatly need them! Thank you again for the opportunity and privilege to bring my testimony before you today.



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