House Bill 1 Interested Party Testimony
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Good morning, Chair Abrams, Vice Chair Miller, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit interested party testimony regarding House Bill 1 today. My name is Stephanie Keinath and I am the Executive Vice President for the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. As the leading voice of business in the Dayton region, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce represents over 2200 member businesses across fourteen counties in southwest Ohio.

It is on behalf of these members that I am testifying as an interested party on House Bill 1, sponsored by Representatives King & Klopfenstein. I appreciate and respect the legislation's intent to protect our state from foreign adversaries and support national security, especially as it is related to military installations throughout the state. However, I am concerned that while given the national security intent of the bill, the legislation could have unintended impacts on our region's workers, businesses and communities, as well as other manufacturers across Ohio who rely on products manufactured in the Dayton area.

Fuyao Glass America (FGA) located in Moraine, a suburb of Dayton. FGA is the world's largest auto glass maker and the largest supplier of auto glass to U.S. car makers, as well as Ohio's car makers. After General Motors shuttered its Moraine plant in 2008, FGA received $6.6 million in economic development incentives from JobsOhio to invest more than $1 billion in their new Moraine, Ohio plant, creating 3,000 jobs, revitalizing a community and breathing new life into Dayton's local manufacturing base. FGA now supplies glass for every Jeep vehicle produced in Toledo, glass for Honda's Ohio-made vehicles in Marysville and East Liberty and numerous vehicles produced by General Motors, Ford and BMW.

FGA is a strategic partner for Ohio's automotive industry and a vital part of America's manufacturing resilience. I appreciate the willingness of the sponsors to amend the original language of the bill to protect current economic investments, however prohibitions on the future acquisition of land for expansion purposes has the potential to stifle economic growth. Ohio is experiencing a manufacturing renaissance. The world recognizes our state's advantages—our skilled manufacturing workforce, strong work ethic, excellent training programs, well developed infrastructure and proximity to half the country's population in a day's drive. As more manufacturers seek to grow in the U.S., we want them to locate in Ohio and in the Dayton region.

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Foreign companies that have already "onshored" to Ohio, invested in operations in Ohio and are employing Ohioans are part of our economic success story. We want these companies to be able to see a future for growth and opportunity in our state, and House Bill 1 has the potential to negatively impact that.

I urge our legislators to take a thoughtful, measured approach, one that ensures our national security, but also facilitates Ohio's ongoing economic development and protects existing Ohio jobs and manufacturing investments into the future. Thank you for your time.