



May 12, 2025

The Honorable Thaddeus J. Claggett  
Chair, Technology and Innovation Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives

The Honorable Heidi Workman  
Vice Chair, Technology and Innovation Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives

The Honorable Ismail Mohamed  
Ranking Member, Technology and Innovation Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives

**Re: Support of House Bill 202 (State information technology systems and shared services)**

Dear Chair Claggett, Vice Chair Workman, and Ranking Member Mohamed:

The Alliance for Digital Innovation (ADI) is a non-profit coalition of technology companies focused on accelerating change in the public sector through the adoption of commercial technology. Our members are some of the most prominent and innovative technology firms in the nation, including many that already proudly serve the State of Ohio and the state and local level.

**ADI supports House Bill 202 and encourages you to report this legislation favorably from your committee to the House floor.**

House Bill 202 represents a thoughtful step toward modernizing Ohio's approach to technology procurement and IT governance. By authorizing state agencies to procure goods and services through vetted online marketplaces, the bill promotes a commercial best practice that can streamline acquisitions, enhance transparency, increase competition, and reduce costs without compromising cybersecurity or compliance. This is a smart, scalable policy aligned with how most enterprises acquire technology in today's economy.

Just as importantly, House Bill 202 also creates the Joint Legislative Information Technology Oversight Committee, a bipartisan mechanism to ensure accountability, encourage cross-agency coordination, and elevate IT governance at the state level. This type of oversight is critical to ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent effectively and that state agencies can respond rapidly to evolving digital needs, particularly in areas like cybersecurity and service delivery.

The bill also includes necessary reforms to promote open, competitive technology contracting. By prohibiting restrictive license terms that require agencies to purchase specific hardware or cloud platforms, House Bill 202 pushes back against vendor lock-in practices that raise costs and inhibit modernization. These anti-competitive terms limit flexibility, slow innovation, and burden agencies with systems that are costly to maintain and difficult

to upgrade. Fairer, more open contracts will enable Ohio agencies to adopt the right tools for their missions, delivered by the most capable providers.

Across the country, government agencies are moving to modern, cloud-based technologies to meet mission demands with greater efficiency, resilience, and responsiveness. House Bill 202 helps ensure that Ohio remains on the leading edge of this digital transformation.

For these reasons, ADI respectfully urges the committee to advance House Bill 202. We appreciate your attention to this important legislation and stand ready to serve as a resource throughout the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Wolf".

Dan Wolf  
Director of State Programs  
Alliance for Digital Innovation

cc: The Honorable Thomas Hall