



OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Representative Thad Claggett
Chair, House Technology and Innovation Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Claggett:

My name is Justin Barnes, and I'm the Vice President of Government Affairs for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. As you may know, for over 130 years, the Ohio Chamber has served as the state's leading business advocate, and we represent over 8,000 companies that do business in Ohio. Our mission is to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness, and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans. As part of our mission, we seek to make Ohio the best place in the country for businesses to operate and grow.

I write in support of House Bill 392, which provides clarity on Ohio's regulatory approach to artificial intelligence (AI) by preventing a patchwork of rules across municipal jurisdictions or imposed unilaterally by state agencies. As these technologies develop, and as they become tools for use throughout the economy, it is important that regulatory guidelines, should any be proposed, are thoughtfully crafted by this or some future General Assembly after consultation and input from those engaged in this field. Further, the legislation seeks to establish important cybersecurity requirements for critical infrastructure systems throughout the state, which will help prevent misuse of AI systems or capabilities that could put the health and safety of Ohioans at risk.

We want to thank Representatives Fischer and Demetriou for their work on this legislation. The advancements made possible through the development of AI are currently and will continue to contribute to Ohio's economic growth, and we look forward to working with you to cement Ohio's position as a leader in the progression of this industry.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide support for House Bill 392.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Barnes".

Justin Barnes
Vice President, Government Affairs
Ohio Chamber of Commerce