



Americans for Prosperity – OH Proponent Testimony, H.B. 392 – House Technology and Innovation Committee – 10.28.2025

Good morning, Chairman Claggett, Vice Chair Workman, Ranking Member Mohamed, and members of the House Technology and Innovation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of H.B. 392 – the Ohio Right to Compute Act. My name is Hannah Kubbins and I'm the Legislative Director for Americans for Prosperity – Ohio.

H.B. 392 affirms a simple but powerful principle: Ohioans have the fundamental right to freely own and use computational resources—computers, software, algorithms, artificial intelligence, and more—for lawful purposes, without excessive government interference. Just as the printing press was protected as a foundational tool of free speech, so too must modern computational tools be recognized as essential to liberty and innovation in the 21st century.

This bill ensures that neither state agencies nor local governments can restrict or prohibit the lawful use, development, deployment, or possession of computational resources unless such restrictions are narrowly tailored to serve a compelling governmental interest—such as protecting critical infrastructure, preventing fraud, or safeguarding vulnerable populations from harmful content. This sets a high bar for government intervention, requiring strict scrutiny and the least restrictive means.

By securing the right to compute, Ohio positions itself as a destination for innovators, entrepreneurs, and businesses seeking a regulatory environment that respects property rights and free expression. The bill's clear protections for computational resources—including hardware, software, cryptography, and artificial intelligence—will help attract investment and talent, unleashing economic growth and technological progress.

H.B. 392 recognizes the importance of responsible stewardship of artificial intelligence in critical infrastructure. It requires risk management policies for AI systems that control such facilities, aligning with national and international standards, while exempting non-executive and cybersecurity systems to avoid unnecessary regulatory burdens.

The bill explicitly preserves all existing legal rights and remedies related to intellectual property, ensuring that innovation is protected and creators' rights are respected.

Americans for Prosperity – Ohio urges the committee to support H.B. 392. By passing the Ohio Right to Compute Act, you will affirm Ohio's commitment to liberty, innovation, and economic growth, setting a gold standard for protecting fundamental rights in the 21st century. Thank you for the

opportunity to submit proponent testimony. I can be reached for any questions at hkubbins@afphq.org or 614-905-2551.