



**House Bill 650 Proponent Testimony**  
**House Technology & Innovation Committee**  
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Chair Claggett, Vice Chair Workman, Ranking Member Mohamed and members of the House Technology and Innovation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak today in support of House Bill 650. I am Nicole Hoyer, Director of State Relations, at Miami University. We appreciate Representative Workman’s leadership in introducing HB 650 and advancing Ohio’s position as a national leader in emerging technologies.

Miami University has partnered with Cleveland Clinic to establish the Ohio Institute for Quantum Computing. This collaboration brings together academic excellence and world-class healthcare innovation to position Ohio at the forefront of quantum computing applications. By leveraging access to the only operating quantum computer in Ohio, housed at Cleveland Clinic, the Institute will accelerate medical research breakthroughs while building a highly skilled workforce prepared for the next generation of advanced technology-driven industries.

We are grateful to Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio General Assembly for your support and investment in quantum innovation in HB 96. This one-time funding provides critical first-year support to launch the Institute, initiate cutting-edge healthcare research, and the resources necessary to building a quantum talent pipeline across the state. We have moved quickly—the Bachelor of Quantum Computing degree program launched this past Fall and more than 20 students from a range of disciplines are interning at Cleveland Clinic this summer.

The Institute strengthens Ohio’s innovation ecosystem by aligning higher education, healthcare, and industry to create clear pathways from classroom to career. Through new academic programs, research opportunities, and industry partnerships, the Institute will help meet growing workforce demands in quantum computing, advanced technology, and biomedical innovation—keeping Ohio talent in Ohio and attracting new investment to our state.

Quantum computing represents more than a research frontier; it is an economic development catalyst for Ohio. By embedding quantum research within real-world healthcare applications, we are accelerating discovery while creating direct pathways to high-demand, high-wage careers for Ohioans.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to advancing Ohio’s talent and workforce development. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before the House Technology and Innovation Committee today.