

Written Testimony Before the Ohio House Technology & Innovation Committee  
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In Support of House Bill 650

Chairman Claggett, Vice Chair Workman, Ranking Member Mohamed, and Members of the House Technology and Innovation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House Bill 650.

My name is John Crisp. I am an Ohio resident and founder of FalconForgeAI, a firm focused on governance and risk discipline in advanced technologies. I provide this testimony in my individual capacity based on my professional experience. I support the establishment of clear guardrails and the preservation of human accountability in the implementation of frontier technologies. I previously served as Chief Information Officer of The McAlear Group, where I oversaw enterprise technology operations, cybersecurity governance, vendor risk management, and continuity of critical systems. I also serve on the Fulton County Airport Commission, where safety and system accountability are core responsibilities.

I support HB650 because frontier technologies are already operational in Ohio. Artificial intelligence, advanced automation, robotics, and developments grounded in quantum mechanics are influencing business operations, infrastructure systems, healthcare environments, and public institutions today. These technologies are not theoretical. They are deployed.

In complex systems, the greatest risk does not come from innovation itself. It comes from deployment without coordinated understanding. During my tenure as CIO, ISO, and CEO of technology companies, I oversaw alignment to the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, modernization of identity controls, and disaster recovery validation. Those efforts reduced risk because they imposed structure before failure occurred. Frontier technologies require the same disciplined foresight and governance structure.

House Bill 650 creates a responsible mechanism to build that foresight. The proposed title, "Frontier Technologies and Quantum Commission," more accurately reflects the scope of emerging disciplines that are already influencing economic and infrastructure systems. Clarifying internal language from "quantum computing" to "quantum mechanics" ensures that the Commission's work encompasses the broader scientific and applied implications of quantum science.

The proposed commission does not impose regulation or duplicate agency authority. Agencies will continue to manage their statutory mandates. The commission instead brings legislators and technical experts together to study cross sector implications including

economic, ethical, cybersecurity, workforce, and infrastructure considerations before reactive policymaking becomes necessary.

As artificial intelligence systems become more autonomous and quantum enabled systems mature, governance questions intensify. How do we preserve human accountability as automation increases? How do we maintain auditability and transparency? How do we anticipate second order impacts across sectors? These are policy questions that require structured legislative literacy and cross disciplinary engagement.

Ohio competes nationally for capital, research partnerships, and advanced industry investment. Companies invest where policymakers demonstrate stability and literacy in emerging technology governance. Establishing a Frontier Technologies and Quantum Commission signals that Ohio intends to understand these technologies deliberately and responsibly, with human accountability at the center.

My support for this bill is grounded in public governance considerations. HB650 represents prudent and forward looking preparation. It allows Ohio to be informed rather than surprised.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee's favorable consideration of House Bill 650.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Crisp