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Chairman Roemer, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 100.

This legislation recognizes the important role of nonprofits in equipping Ohioans with the skills needed to fill workforce demands by creating the Nonprofit Workforce Grant Program. This bill will allow nonprofit organizations that sell donated goods to apply for a grant through the Department of Development to fund job training and placement services for individuals with workplace disadvantages. Individuals with workplace disadvantages would include those with disabilities, mental health challenges, a criminal history, veteran status, and homelessness, populations which historically experience the highest rates of unemployment.

House Bill 100 is modeled after legislation in Kentucky and Louisiana. In both states, nonprofit organizations that sell donated goods may retain a portion of the state sales tax on items sold in their stores, to be used for capital construction costs associated with opening new retail locations. Ohio has a greater need for workforce programming, so this legislation focuses on job training and placement services.

Chairman Roemer, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you again for giving me the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 100. Representative Rogers and I will be happy to answer any questions after he has provided his testimony.