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Chair Roemer, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the inviting me to testify before you today in support of House Bill 39. The objective of this bill is simple: create a culture that rewards hard work and put money back into the pockets of everyday Ohioans.

This idea has been gaining traction since President Trump raised the issue during his 2024 presidential campaign. The US House of Representatives passed a budget resolution containing this policy at the federal level in February, but the proposal still awaits action in the senate.

After years of prolonged inflation, more and more Ohioans are picking up extra shifts to help cover the rising cost of living. As currently written, the provisions of the bill do sunset after eight years. The reason we have drafted the bill this way is so a yes vote on this legislation can be a yes to a test run of this tax deduction that we can re-examine the effects of in eight years. We feel that this test run is one that we owe to our voters, especially the ones who are taking on the heavy burden of overtime work in order to provide for their families.

Thank you again for allowing me to testify on House Bill 39, and I am happy to answer any questions that you may have at this time.

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