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Thank you for the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on House Bill 209, this bill seeks to ban taxes on tips for hardworking Ohioans. This bill is similar to what is being proposed at the federal level.

I put myself through college bartending and waiting tables — I know what it's like to depend on every tip to make ends meet. That's why this bill matters to me personally.

Tips are a reward for hard work, not something the government should be dipping into. Let folks keep what they earn — it's that simple.

For a lot of Ohioans, tips mean the difference between paying rent and falling behind. We shouldn't be taxing people who are working their tails off to get ahead.

This bill is about fairness. If someone stays late, works a double, and earns extra in tips — they should keep that money, not hand it over in taxes.

We talk about supporting working people. Here's one way to actually do it — let them keep more of what they earn and trust them to spend it in their communities.

I've been in their shoes. I'm proud to stand up for Ohio's servers, bartenders, and service workers — and I hope my colleagues will join me.

Thank you for your time. I am happy to answer any questions