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Sponsor Testimony – Senate Bill 80, Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

Chairman Schaffer, Vice Chair Koehler, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and member of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on SB 80.

This bill represents an essential step toward protecting Ohio's consumers, promoting environmental sustainability, and ensuring the integrity of the motor fuels used by our residents every day.

As many of us know, the quality of motor fuel has a direct impact on vehicle performance, consumer costs, and the environment. Low-quality fuel can lead to engine damage, reduced fuel efficiency, and increased air pollution, which is harmful to public health. By granting counties the authority to establish fuel quality testing programs, this legislation ensures that Ohioans are receiving the fuel quality they pay for and that their vehicles run smoothly without costly repairs.

This legislation has been introduced for the last few General Assembly's. I believe by implementing this program, Ohio can join the other 47 states that have already seen the positive impact of such testing in protecting consumers and improving fuel quality.

I urge you all to support this important legislation that will provide Ohio counties with the necessary tools to ensure cleaner, safer, and more reliable fuel for everyone.