



**Written Proponent Testimony Provided by
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Chair Brenner, Vice-Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present written proponent testimony on Senate Bill 276, entering Ohio into the Interstate Compact for School Psychologists.

The Dayton Development Coalition is a regional economic development organization whose mission is to support job creation and opportunity for the citizens of the Dayton Region. In addition, the Dayton Development Coalition works closely with aerospace and defense partners to promote Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the Springfield Air National Guard Base.

We commend Senator Roegner for sponsoring this important piece of legislation supporting occupational license mobility and military families. The Interstate Compact for School Psychologists is an interstate occupational licensure compact for licensed school psychologists developed in partnership among the Council of State Governments, at the time Department of Defense, and National Association of School Psychologists.

The bill is supported by the Department of War because its passage could improve the lives of military families. If Ohio entered the Interstate Compact for School Psychologists, it would make it easier for school psychologists who already have a license to be a school psychologist in another state to get a license if they move to Ohio. This is particularly important for military spouses because so many of them move into Ohio.

A 2022 U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation report with 4,100 military spouse respondents found that 88% of spouses agreed the military lifestyle impacts their ability to find jobs at their experience and/or education level. With Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in our region, we proactively support military families and understand the difficulties of frequent relocation. Any barrier to employment for a military spouse during their assignment can cause financial uncertainty, discourage spouses from growing in their career, and leave out a skilled workforce for Ohio.

Additionally, the Defense-State Liaison Office and Council of State Governments track compact progress at the state level. Ohio is one of six states leading the nation with over 50% of priority compacts passed into state law. We are currently at 55% of priorities passed and support of SB 276 would further illustrate Ohio's continued support for military families.

Senate Bill 276 will streamline the licensure process enhancing the experience of military spouses in Ohio and adding crucial education professionals to our workforce.

Thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 276 and I urge your support.