
Senate Resolution 68 Proponent Testimony – April 1, 2025
Ohio Senate General Government Committee
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Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, and members of the Senate General Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Senate Resolution 68. On behalf of the Ohio Business Roundtable, and specifically the Ohio Grants Alliance, I am testifying as a proponent of this resolution.

By way of background, the Ohio Grants Alliance (OGA) is an initiative of the Ohio Business Roundtable, in strong collaboration with Ohio's independent regional business associations. OGA's goal is to maximize benefit to Ohio from federal grant programs and strategic federal investments to make the state more economically competitive. Founding members include the Greater Cleveland Partnership, Columbus Partnership, Cincinnati Business Committee, Appalachian Partnership, Dayton Development Coalition, and the Regional Growth Partnership. We also collaborate deeply with JobsOhio, their regional network partners, the DeWine Administration, and Ohio's Congressional Delegation.

Over the past couple months, a coalition of Ohio business organizations, economic development leaders, and Members of Ohio's Congressional Delegation have been working behind the scenes to advocate for an expansion of NASA's investment in the state, particularly in Northeast Ohio. The Ohio Grants Alliance, working closely with JobsOhio and other regional business partners, has been actively working to unite support for this effort, recognizing the long-term economic, research, and workforce benefits that increased NASA operations would bring to the region and the state.

As NASA evaluates its future operations for its headquarters upon the expiration of their lease in 2028, Northeast Ohio stands out as a prime location for mission expansion. The region offers a well-established aerospace infrastructure, lower operational costs, and the proven capabilities of NASA Glenn Research Center. Strengthening NASA's presence in Ohio would not only drive advancements in aerospace innovation but also spur workforce development, attract investment, and generate future opportunities. This initiative reinforces Ohio's leadership in the

aerospace sector and ensures that the state remains a key player in shaping the future of the industry.

I want to thank Chair Roegner for her leadership in introducing this resolution. The entire state of Ohio stands to benefit from increased mission expansion, in particular as it relates to aeronautic and technology functions. I also want to recognize our US. Senators, Senator Moreno and Senator Husted, as well as Representative Max Miller, for their bold and forward-thinking leadership on this matter.

The Ohio Grants Alliance, as well as the Ohio Business Roundtable, supports the Senate Resolution 68 and thanks members of the committee for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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