



**Written Testimony Provided by
Mr. Jeff Hoagland, President and CEO, Dayton Development Coalition
on Senate Bill 149
Ohio Senate Health Committee
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Chair Huffman, Vice-Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Liston, and members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present written proponent testimony on Senate Bill 149, entering Ohio into the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact.

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 Respiratory Care Interstate Compact is an interstate occupational licensure compact for respiratory therapists developed in partnership among the Council of State Governments, Department of Defense, and American Association for Respiratory Care. The bill is supported by the Department of Defense because its passage could improve the lives of military families. Currently, only four states have passed legislation entering the compact. This means that Ohio has the opportunity to be one of the first seven states on the governing commission and sit at the table for decision-making on rules for the compact.

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.

Senate Bill 149 will streamline the licensure process enhancing the experience of military spouses in Ohio and adding crucial healthcare professionals to our workforce.

Thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 149 and I urge your support.

