



**Written Proponent Testimony Provided by
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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 320, entering Ohio into the Athletic Trainer 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 Athletic Trainer Compact is an interstate occupational licensure compact for licensed athletic trainers developed in partnership among the Council of State Governments, Department of War, and Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer. Additionally, the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board was one of the numerous state organizations to participate in the development of the compact.

The bill is supported by the Department of War because its passage could improve the lives of military families. If Ohio entered the Athletic Trainer Compact, it would make it easier for athletic trainers who already have a license in another state to get a license if they move to Ohio. This is particularly important for military spouses because of their frequent relocations.

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 (DSLO) 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 DSLO priority compacts passed into state law. We are currently at 63% of priorities passed and support of Senate Bill 320 would further illustrate Ohio's continued support for military families.

Thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 320 and I urge your support.