



June 11, 2025

The Honorable Nathan Manning
Senate Judiciary Committee
Ohio Statehouse
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Senate Bill 157 – Written Proponent Testimony

Dear Chairman Manning:

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) was created in 1910 with the mission to protect and grow Ohio manufacturing. Today, it has nearly 1,300 members representing the largest economic sector in the state. According to the most recent data, nearly 700,000 Ohioans work in manufacturing, and manufacturing has the largest payroll of any Ohio economic sector.

For manufacturers to invest and grow in Ohio – and compete globally – Ohio's civil justice system must be rational, fair, and predictable. Manufacturers must be free to innovate and pursue market opportunities without fear of unreasonable exposure to costly lawsuits, while injured parties must have full recourse to appropriate measures of justice.

The OMA writes in support of Senate Bill 157 to reduce the statute of limitations on both written and oral contracts. For written contracts, the bill proposes to reduce Ohio's statute of limitations from six to three years after the cause of action accrued, and to reduce from four to two years the statute of limitations for contracts not in writing. The bill would provide greater predictability and certainty for businesses and would benefit Ohio's business climate for manufacturing.

This legislation would allow for more efficient resolution of disputes. Manufacturers often operate in a complex supply chain involving many vendors, distributors, and clients. A shorter statute of limitations encourages faster resolution of warranty, contract, and product liability disputes. Additionally, manufacturers often produce durable goods with long life spans. A reduced statute of limitations provides clearer time limits on liability for products that may still be in use decades later.

The OMA appreciates the leadership of the bill sponsor, Senator Lang, and urges the committee to pass Senate Bill 157.

Sincerely,

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The Ohio Manufacturers' Association