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**Senate Bill 75 Proponent Testimony
House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee
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Chair Hill, Vice Chair Burkley, ranking Member Patterson and members of the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, on behalf of Ohio Farm Bureau, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on Senate Bill 75. This legislation seeks to resolve issues many farmers have faced as they seek to develop agritourism opportunities on their farms.

Cackler Family Farms, LLC is engaged in Christmas tree production and currently we have over 20,000 trees growing on the farm. Along with this we have some agritourism activities for families which includes a live nativity scene and a children's play area. This is done to enhance the experience of our customers who always ask what there is for the children to do.

One of the advantages of specialty crop farming and agritourism is it allows the owners to make a living farming on smaller acreages of land and many times for less investment in things like equipment.

I would remind all concerned that we are filling out a 1040F income tax report on these agritourism operations. The economic benefit to our rural community is important.

In regards to zoning and the CAUV, I would suggest to you the Ohio Farm Bureau proposals.