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The Honorable Ron Young
Chairman, House Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor
Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High St., 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Young,

On behalf of the nearly 8,000 members of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express our support for House Bill 42, legislation that would prohibit the installation of worn-out, damaged, used tires in Ohio.

Unfortunately, unsafe used tires are readily available and easy to come by, and motorists inadvertently place themselves at significant risk when their tires are not in good working condition. HB 42 will protect consumers from purchasing tires with known hazards that increase the risk of tire failure and vehicle crashes. Reducing the number of high-risk, unsafe tires moving along Ohio's roadways will create a safer driving environment.

Only used tires that meet specific, unsafe conditions that are well-known in the tire and auto service industry are prohibited from being installed by HB 42. Each of the conditions can be determined through a simple visual inspection of the tire and no reputable tire or auto service provider would place such a tire into service.

In addition, under current Ohio law, motorists caught driving with unsafe tires can be subject to a penalty. It is just common sense, then, that a business shouldn't be allowed to install those same tires.

HB 42 is a modest, targeted measure aimed at well-known unsafe tire conditions that pose a risk to consumer safety. It will help reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities. For these reasons, the Ohio Chamber respectfully asks you and the members of the House Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor Committee to favorably report HB 42. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Ogden". The signature is fluid and somewhat abstract, with overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brandon Ogden
Director, Ohio Small Business Council