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Sponsor Testimony
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Senator McColley:

Chairman Manning, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the Judiciary Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 186, which will provide a mechanism for the General Assembly to push back against overreach by the federal government.

Senate Bill 186 is a straightforward piece of legislation which will allow the General Assembly to adopt a concurrent resolution requiring the Attorney General to initiate an action, under the Ohio or United States Constitution, challenging an executive order issued by the President of the United States or a rule issued by a federal agency.

This bill is a necessary step towards preserving the balance of powers between the state and federal governments, allowing states to maintain their Constitutional powers.

I'll now turn it over to Senator Lang to speak further to the need for this legislation.

Senator Lang:

Thank you, Senator McColley. Federal overreach is a major concern for families and businesses in our state, and it's an issue that comes up frequently in my conversations with constituents.

Make no mistake: when the federal government issues regulations that overstep its Constitutionally-limited role, Ohio's businesses feel the impact. Regulations increase the cost and complexity of doing business, which ultimately kills jobs.

We in this General Assembly are making great strides towards making Ohio the best place in America to do business. We cannot afford to see the progress we're making here at the state level be rolled back by federal overreach – either in the form of executive orders or agency rules.

By creating a new pathway to push back in these instances, Senate Bill 186 will help enable Ohioans' elected legislators to more effectively advocate for the best interests of our state.

Chairman Manning, thank you again for the opportunity to testify today. Senator McColley and I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.