

November 28, 2018

The Honorable Jim Butler Chairman, Civil Justice Committee Ohio House of Representatives 77 S. High St., 13th Floor Columbus, OH 43215

RE: House Bill 694 - OMA Proponent Written Testimony

Dear Chairman Butler:

The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) appreciates the opportunity to convey its support for House Bill 694. House Bill 694 sets Ohio's statute of limitations for written and oral contracts at three years.

OMA and its members have long advocated for a stable and predictable business climate in Ohio. Enacting House Bill 694 provides the sort of predictability that will enhance Ohio's business climate. A three-year statute of limitations will allow manufacturers—and all businesses— to plan effectively in their business dealings.

By enacting a three-year statute of limitations, Ohio would be increasing its business competitiveness. Enacting House Bill 694 helps Ohio improve its competitive advantage as compared to other states for businesses looking to locate in, or remain in, Ohio. It is another piece of the economic development puzzle.

We urge the committee to pass House Bill 694.

Thank you for considering our position. I would be happy to discuss further. My contact information is rbrundrett@ohiomfg.com or (614) 629-6814.

Sincerely,

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