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Chair Duffey, Vice Chair Antani, Ranking Member Sweeney and Members of the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee,

The Harvard Community Services Center is pleased to support House Bill 203, the Youth Summer Jobs Initiative.

The Harvard Community Services Center (HCSC) was founded in 1968 in the settlement house tradition, as a result of the community coming together to address issues and concerns related to the entire community, with an emphasis on young people. This helped shape and develop the mission of the agency to “improve the quality of life and social functioning of the residents in the Lee-Harvard, Miles and Seville areas of Cleveland, Ohio. This is achieved by advocating, coordinating, planning, organizing, and providing a range of social services to families, children, adults and seniors in the area. The commitment and the strength of our endeavor to continue to be a cornerstone in the community gives countless families and children a safe place to go, and meaningful family development services to improve their quality of life. HCSC programs reflect our highest values which are family stability, education, a work ethic, safety for our most vulnerable populations – our children and our elderly, and civic responsibility.

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House Bill 203, the Youth Summer Jobs Initiative, will allow many of our high school and college youth in our community additional access for summer employment opportunities. Currently most of our youth in our community are unable to secure any kind of employment, due to such a high demand, and very few opportunities available. By increasing the number of employment opportunities available for our youth, they will be able to help further their education, explore different employment opportunities, reduce the number of youth that might get into trouble due to lack of opportunities, build and invigorate our community, and increase and strengthen our 21st Century workforce.

Again, we strongly agree with and support House Bill 203, the Youth Summer Jobs Initiative, and look forward to seeing a stronger, vibrant community and 21st Century workforce.

Sincerely,

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