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Chairman Green, Vice Chair Greenspan, Ranking member Sheehy, and Members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank for this opportunity to provide Joint Sponsor Testimony for HB256.

Being in the real estate development business, I've witnessed significant economic development benefits resulting from community leaders and elected officials coming together with a grander vision for their collective futures.

Many times, those visions included major infrastructure projects and investments that served as ***key catalysts for significant gains in economic development, job growth and value creation***. As Representative Butler stated, Ohio is in a unique position to take advantage of its geographic location, now, more than ever.

HB 256 will lay the ground work and provide the foundation for advancing Ohio's economy into the future. Throughout the world, major airport hubs have been key driving engines for significant economic development and job growth.

International companies, distribution companies, ecommerce delivery companies, technology companies and many others all highly value the capabilities of being able to move people, products and experiences around the country in as little time as possible. A major airport hub and high-speed transit capabilities will be a ***key differentiator*** for our state in attracting these companies and their related capital investments producing significant economic development and job growth.

We believe the time is now to initiate a grander vision for our state and our constituents. We would appreciate your support of HB256.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.