



HOUSE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – Proponent Testimony HB 524,
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Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair White, Ranking Member Brown, and members of the committee, thank you for holding this hearing and for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

My name is Jeff Dillon, and I am the Ohio Legislative Director for Americans for Prosperity (AFP). As one of the largest grassroots organizations in the country, AFP is driving long-term solutions to some of the country's biggest problems. Our organization, and its thousands of activists across Ohio, are dedicated to breaking barriers that stand in the way of people realizing their full potential. Removing or reducing these barriers, in whatever forms they take, helps move our society toward one of mutual benefit, where people succeed by helping others improve their lives and by transforming their communities. Accordingly, I urge you to support and favorably report House Bill 524, which would modify and modernize the notice requirements for certain government functions.

HB 524 will eliminate and reduce barriers by ultimately allowing for more governmental entities to utilize electronic notifications and filing forms instead of relying on outdated, more expensive modes of communication such as certified mail, faxes, and publishing certain information in newspapers. As noted by Rep. Hall during his sponsor testimony, making these modifications to the revised code to update these best practices will save an estimated \$44 million and tens of thousands of hours of employees' time.

HB 524 is a straightforward, common-sense piece of legislation that will save money and make navigating the often-complicated web of government regulations simpler for individuals and businesses of many varieties. This piece of legislation is a good example of what Ohio state government ought to be doing constantly: searching through the voluminous Revised & Administrative Codes to streamline processes after years and decades of edicts that can

potentially hinder Ohioans' ability to innovate and prosper, that simply may no longer be needed, and that possibly add unnecessary expenses for taxpayers and government customers.

Americans for Prosperity would like to thank Lt. Gov. Husted and his team at the Common Sense Initiative for spearheading this effort, and Rep. Hall for his sponsorship of HB 524.

Thank you again for the opportunity to offer testimony today. AFP – Ohio supports HB 524 and on behalf of my organization and our affiliated activists, I urge the members of the committee to favorably report this bill. Thank you.

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