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Testimony in Support of the DSA Women-Owned Business Loan Fund as contained in House Bill 110 Before the Ohio House Finance Sub-Committee on Agriculture, Development and Natural Resources

> Chairman Darrell Kick Darla J. King, President/Owner, King Business Interiors, Inc. March 4, 2021

Chairman Kick, Ranking Member O'Brien and members of the House Finance Sub-Committee on Agriculture, Development and Natural Resources,

My name is Darla King, and I am the President & Owner of King Business Interiors, Inc. King has been in existence for 23 years and we have supported growing women-owned companies like ours. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of the women-owned business loan fund as contained in House Bill 110, which would provide \$10 million over the biennium for small loans to women-owned businesses in Ohio.

Women-owned companies represent so many different fields and occupations. It is important to support these efforts for our economy, especially after the year we just had in 2020! I just want to say thank you for Governor DeWine and Director Mihalik for recognizing the need to provide support to women businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this important program. I urge your support and favorable vote for the full \$10 million women-owned business loan fund as proposed in the executive budget.

Sincerely,

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