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Sponsor Testimony: House Bill 119 (OAI License Plate)

House Transportation Committee

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Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and Members of the Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today on House Bill 119, which would create the Ohio Aerospace Institute license plate.

The Ohio Aerospace Institute is a public-private partnership with NASA Glenn Research Center that attracts good-paying jobs, generates economic development, and drives the future of aerospace in Ohio. The Ohio Aerospace Institute is important to our districts, the Greater Cleveland Area, and the entire State of Ohio because of its role in building a hub of aerospace manufacturing and innovation. This legislation would recognize those efforts and their significance to Ohio's identity as the state that put a man on the Moon and may one day put a woman on Mars.

House Bill 119 requires a \$25 contribution per plate, which would go towards student internships with a focus on aerospace. John Sankovic, CEO of the Ohio Aerospace Institute, has also submitted written proponent testimony with more information about this very crucial work done in Brook Park, Ohio.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. We would be happy to take any questions.