



April 5, 2022

Chair McColley, Vice Chair Schuring, Ranking Member Williams, and members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to express Putnam County Community Improvement Corporation's support for Senate Bill 307, Accelerating Ohio's Auto Industry (AOAI).

SB 307 will support Endera Corporations efforts in the manufacturing of electric Type A school buses, shuttle buses and paratransit vehicles for the Department of Transportation, healthcare, airport, university, corporate, municipal and last mile-transportation industries.

The Endera facility is expected to add more than 100 employees and future plans of increased manufacturing could mean hundreds of additional jobs. The economic and job impact for Putnam County is significant.

SB 307 will support continued growth of EV development in Ohio by providing dedicated funding for workforce development and manufacturing opportunities.

As the number of electric vehicles in Ohio increases, it will be necessary to continue building out the infrastructure to support users. SB 307 will provide the regulatory guidance and certainty to the Public Utilities Commission to support the deployment across Ohio.

Companies looking to relocate to Ohio want to know how they can access these types of resources. SB 307 will assist Ohio in becoming more attractive to both these companies as well as future employees and residents that want access to EV technology.

The Putnam County Community Improvement Corporation asks for your support of SB 307.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Sealts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Sealts

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