



November 28, 2022

The Honorable Rob McColley  
Chairman, Senate Energy & Public Utilities Committee  
Ohio Senate - 1 Capitol Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman McColley:

I am writing today on behalf of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce in support of Senate Bill 307. When first introduced we lent our support of the concept with a press conference at our offices while acknowledging the need to include fuel cell electric vehicles (hydrogen vehicles) in the language. The new version of SB 307 now includes such language. We thank the Senate for adding that provision.

SB 307, at its heart, is a bill that recognizes the vehicle manufacturing and service sector, a critical component of Ohio's economy, is moving away from combustion engines to alternative fuel engines. SB 307 has two key components to meet this transition, a program to encourage investment and retooling of old capital assets and a program to train a workforce dealing with new assembly and vehicle repair regimes.

Given the importance of the vehicle industry to Ohio's economy, it is important that the state take a leadership role to encourage investment in Ohio, and position the state as a leader in workforce development as the new technologies dawn across the vehicle industry.

The new version of SB 307 passes on the opportunity to address the needs of the electricity grid that will shoulder new electrical demands from charging fleet and personal vehicles. At some point Ohio will need to coordinate its efforts on this topic.

The Ohio Chamber believes the General Assembly is in the best position to set a framework for prudent investment in the electrical grid. We must meet the challenge of continuing to provide traditional electrical needs such as heating and cooling homes, offices and stores and power for industrial processes. But also plan for a future of electric vehicle charging infrastructure demand loads and soon, an electrical vehicle charging infrastructure that will have the capability to add vehicle to grid (V2G) electricity into the system. This bi-directional supply will require additional investment in the electrical grid.

While the Ohio Chamber supports SB 307, the Ohio Chamber welcomes an opportunity to work with the General Assembly and other interested parties on future legislation to strengthen the electrical grid to make it ready for a future that will include electricity supplied by V2G assets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Long", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Tony Long  
Director, Tax & Economic Policy  
Ohio Chamber of Commerce