



Chairman Edwards, Vice Chair LaRe, Ranking Member Sweeney, and members of the House Finance Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 23. My name is Ryan McManus and I am the CEO of SHARE Mobility.

SHARE Mobility was founded to create a future where transportation is more sustainable and equitable. As the world evolves from motors to mobility, we are committed to making transportation that works for everyone - especially those who lack reliable transportation. We are not here to take your car. We exist to bring transportation to those that need it.

I want to express my appreciation to all of you for your commitment to ensuring public transit is well-funded and an option for those who need it. Ohio's workforce is growing and the need for transportation options is very real. This budget not only supports businesses and their employees, but also families who need access to public transportation.

To further support our workforce, SHARE Mobility would like to propose a state tax credit to support companies that pay for employee transportation. Filling jobs requires a workforce with reliable transportation. According to the Federal Transit Administration, the rising costs of cars and gas are causing workers to spend as much as 37% of their income on commuting.

A commuter benefits tax credit would financially encourage companies to provide transportation as an employee benefit, resulting in improved access to jobs, reduction in roadway costs, and increased buying power for workers. From the employee perspective, individuals feel supported by their employer. Ultimately, this initiative will support Ohio's economic vitality and maximize the State's workforce productivity by helping employers recruit and maintain their employees. Ohio businesses, like Honda Logistics, Hanon Systems, and Konecranes, support this concept.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for your time today. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.