



**Proponent Testimony
Before the House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee
House Bill 42
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Chairman Young and members of the House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee my name is Ryan Augsburger. I am Vice President and Managing Director of Public Policy Services for the Ohio Manufacturers' Association. I am pleased to offer testimony in support of House Bill 42 (H.B. 42).

As you may know, Ohio ranks in the top four states for manufacturing economy. Within Ohio's leading economic sector, transportation equipment manufacturing employs 122,600 Ohioans. Plastics and rubber products manufacturing employs another 56,000 Ohioans. In short, a lot of family-sustaining jobs are directly tied to car, truck and automotive parts production.

H.B. 42 is intended to help protect and grow those jobs and the economic investment by companies and to keep it in Ohio versus other states or provinces.

Tires manufactured today enjoy a lot of embedded technologies from years of product innovation resulting in greater safety for motorists and roadways. The manufacturers must comply with federal uniform government safety specifications.

Industry leaders have identified a problem with too many unsafe used tires entering the stream of commerce, available for installation to a motoring public who may not be aware of their unsafe condition.

In an effort to protect against unsafe driving, the tire manufacturers have suggested this legislation to better prevent the installation of unsafe used tires and provide enhanced public safety. We endorse their recommendation.

We thank Representatives Sprague and DeVitis for their sponsorship and would be happy to work with the committee to address any question members may have.

In closing, the OMA urges your support for House Bill 42.