



November 9, 2013

The Honorable Nan Baker
Chairwoman
Economic Development and Regulatory Reform Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Representative Baker,

I write this letter on behalf of the National Center for Education and Research on Corrosion and Materials Performance (NCERCAMP) at the University of Akron. NCERCAMP is the nation's only university organization offering a comprehensive set of programs and services in education and workforce training, research and technology development, as well as outreach and public policy activities. NCERCAMP supports H.B. 292, the "Aerospace and Technology Study Committee Bill," which would create a focused, deliberate committee dedicated to creating strategies to promote the aerospace and technology industry throughout the state.

Such enabling legislation would provide Ohio's research and education institutions and small businesses in the aerospace and technology fields the opportunity to explore various economic development opportunities as well as provide a mechanism to support collaboration on projects. As the aerospace and technology industries are vital economic drivers in the State of Ohio, this committee would encourage increased communication and resource sharing among business, military, and academic parties. The creation of such a committee shows a thoughtful investment in further developing this field, increasing commercialization, supporting skilled job creation, and providing access to the State's premier industrial and academic resources.

NCERCAMP supports H.B. 292 and urges the committee to report this legislation to the full House for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Louscher".

Sue Louscher
Executive Director

Cc: Members of the Economic Development and Regulatory Reform Committee

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