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**Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Technology Committee**  
**Sunset Review Committee**  
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Chairman Brown and members of the Sunset Review Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today regarding the Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Technology Committee (OAATC). My name is Tony Bailey, I am CEO of Spirit Aeronautics and a public member of the OAATC. I am testifying today on behalf of Representative Perales as he was previously committed to participate in an event at NASA Plum Brook Station to commemorate the arrival of the first Service Module for the future Orion mission to Mars. The purpose of the OAATC is to promote the aerospace and aviation technology industries in Ohio by developing a singular, focused, statewide strategy that will unite often disparate segments of the aerospace and aviation community, and ensure that Ohio's already rich aerospace and aviation legacy will lead the nation for years to come.

Ohio has a large number of key resources that give us an advantage from a capabilities stand point. Beyond being the birthplace of aviation, Ohio is home to the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, more than 20 institutions of higher education providing aerospace and aviation related programs, and university affiliated research institutes that

specialize in high-tech research and development. These institutions in combination with industry invest \$9 billion annually in aerospace and aviation research and development and testing in Ohio. In addition, Ohio is currently the number one supplier to both Airbus and Boeing. Despite these clear strengths in the aerospace and aviation fields, Ohio continues to fall behind other states such as Alabama, California and Texas in attracting job creators and competing for federal research dollars.

The OAATC is a diverse organization of 21 appointees, including legislators and general public members representing industry, academia, and military interests. The general public members represent various expertise and experience in the fields of aerospace and aviation and represent multiple regions of Ohio. Currently, the committee does not receive any direct funding from any state source, although it does receive administrative support for the planning and execution of its meetings from the Ohio House of Representatives. All members are uncompensated and volunteer their time.

The Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Technology Committee defined five critical focus areas to promote the aerospace and aviation industries from all aspects. These focus areas are: Outreach and Branding, Workforce Development, Technology Development, Industry Support, and Federal Installations Support. The committee then established five informal working groups so that each group could develop a strategic plan for each focus area. In July of 2015, the OAATC published the Chairman's Report,

which included a summary of the committee's actions and recommendations to date, to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House. In the most recent meeting on November 18, it was agreed that the committee should continue to develop the current recommendations from the working groups to develop a set of measurable goals for the first half of 2016.

The OAATC will play a major role in the Ohio aerospace and aviation industries for economic development and job creation efforts in the state moving forward, and I strongly recommend the committee's favorable review of the Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Technology Committee. Chairman Brown, members of the Sunset Review Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to testify today on behalf of the OAATC and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.