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**Ohio Sunset Review Committee
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Chairman Jordan, members of the Sunset Review Committee, I'm Jeff Wagner of Kumler Collision and Automotive in Lancaster, Ohio. Kumler Collision and Automotive is a full-service automotive repair facility that has been performing high quality collision repairs in the Lancaster area since 1928. I am also the Chairman of the Ohio Motor Vehicle Repair Board (Board). I come before you today, not as a representative of the Board, but as someone who has been involved in the collision repair industry since 1977.

The Board was created over 15 years ago at the request of the collision repair industry to help improve the image of the profession and help protect our customers and other repair shops from illegal entities that chose to ignore Ohio's laws. Since its creation the Board has helped level the playing field by ensuring that all of us in the industry are playing by the same set of standards. The Board has been able to accomplish this without being a burden on businesses by working with business owners to expedite the registration process and guide them through the various regulations required by law in order to be compliant. Instead of a business owner reaching out to countless state and federal agencies that don't fully understand the automotive repair industry, he or she can go directly to the Board. The Board helps small automotive repair shops work with state agencies and will even guide them through any necessary paperwork or permitting process. It really serves as a one-stop-shop for automotive repair professionals.

The Board is not designed to impose additional regulations on businesses. Automotive repair professionals simply need to demonstrate to the Board their compliance with the state's taxation laws, workers' compensation requirements, environmental regulations and other standards required to operate a business in the state. If the board finds that a shop is violating one of these laws, it will work with that shop owner to become compliant. In many cases a repair facility may not even know he

or she is violating a law. If identified, the Board can work with these facilities and help them become compliant.

The Motor Vehicle Repair Board also provides registered facilities with important updates that will impact their businesses – including recalls, possible scams, and changes in laws and regulations. The Board also works with various agencies like the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority, Development Services Agency, and Ohio EPA to identify funding opportunities that allow automotive repair shops to become more efficient, hire additional employees or meet certain environmental standards. This is something our company, Kumler Collision and Automotive has found particularly valuable as we recently received a grant to assist us in building a new paint booth. The Board also is a resource to consumers. The Board can investigate complaints and try to resolve them without legal intervention.

My final point on the importance of the Board is that it directly connects those of us in the automotive repair industry with our state government. Government regulations, whether burdensome or not, are a fact of life for those of us in the automotive service industry. The Board allows automotive repair professionals to volunteer to represent the industry. By serving on the Board it allows us to connect to government, share ideas, and consider policy on a platform that was not available to us prior to the Board's creation. I urge your support for the Board and would be happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wagner

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