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Representative Kristina Roegner  
Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee, Chair  
77 S. High St., Floor 11  
Columbus, OH 43215

Chair Roegner and members of the House Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee:

Small Business Consultants of Ohio (SBCO) helps protect small businesses and non-profits from harmful regulations and champions policies that allow them to grow and thrive. On behalf of the small organizations that we represent and others across the state, we support the passage of Senate Bill 255.

At a time in which increased legislative oversight involving agency rule-making is taking place, it seems fitting that occupational licensing board reforms also be considered. Under the Kasich administration we have seen consolidation of certain boards and commissions. And although this legislation is not a product of his administration, it essentially continues the work of ensuring that boards and commissions are efficient and effective as well as not duplicating jurisdictions and programs. It is reasonable to require that each occupational licensing board be reviewed and renewed every five years by the General Assembly to identify which could be sunset or may be adversely impacting stakeholders.

As we know, many occupations in Ohio require licenses. Unfortunately, small businesses and individual practitioners are most adversely affected by many of the provisions. The reason being, fee structures, inspections, enforcement and penalties hit them harder. Not to mention the fact that small businesses have a more difficult time navigating the numerous requirements and regulations put forth by the state's occupational boards. Small business owners prefer to have elected officials, rather than appointed government officials overlooking aspects of government that could impact their business.

Chair Roegner, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SB 255. If you or any committee members should have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon S. Ogden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brandon" being more legible than the last name "Ogden".

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