



Together, we move P3s forward >

Representative Mike Duffey
Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

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Honorable Representative Duffey,

AIAI - the Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure – is strongly supportive of the passage of House Bill 668, to authorize state agencies, state institutions of higher education, counties, townships, municipal corporations, school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and college-preparatory boarding schools to enter into public-private initiatives with a private party through a public-private agreement regarding public facilities. These arrangements would allow responsible agencies under statutory authority to leverage private sector investment and utilize state monies which are directly related to a qualifying project that serves the public purpose.

Alternative project delivery methods, another term for P3s, have been working to the benefit of taxpayers, delivering value for investments through long-term, life-cycle cost efficiencies in the operations and maintenance phases of state-owned infrastructure assets. In addition to accelerated delivery, when compared to the traditional design, bid, build procurement method, the assets delivered under these alternative project delivery methods such as P3s create sustainable, permanent jobs and support regional economic expansion and job growth. It is critical to note that direct, indirect and induced jobs associated with infrastructure improvements and development are local; contributing to regional vitality, leveraging locally accessible professionals, engineers, contractors, trades and suppliers.

AIAI would like to bring to your attention a question regarding “multiple primes”. The Association believes this provision, which is similar to that found in the enabling statute for transportation projects in Ohio, could inadvertently limit the ability of agencies to solicit robust private sector competition. While we recognize this provision, as written, is well-intentioned, as the process moves forward, we would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you best practices approaches that other states have used successfully to ensure strong private sector competition.

AIAI strongly supports passage of HB668 and looks forward to working with you on this important legislation as the process moves forward. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions at 516-277-2950 or jparkinson@aiai-infra.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. B. Parkinson Jr.", is written over the printed name.

John B. Parkinson
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for the Improvement of American Infrastructure