

# PVC PIPE ASSOCIATION

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Chairwoman Anielski, Vice Chairman Hambley, Ranking Member Bishoff, and members of the committee thank you for the opportunity to testify today on House Bill 121. I am Steve Cooper, Regional Engineer representing the Uni-Bell PVC Pipe Association for the Northeastern United States.

The Uni-Bell PVC Pipe Association is a not-for-profit organization representing 95 percent of the manufacturing capacity of the North American PVC pipe industry. Our pipe-producing members operate over 75 facilities in the U.S. and our associate members (suppliers) hundreds more.

I have had Ohio as part of my region for over 11 years and have been persistently trying to have PVC pressure water pipe specified and allowed to bid on projects all over the state. It is puzzling to me that there are cities in Ohio that have used PVC pipe successfully for decades allowing those communities to save project costs on water main installations while there are other cities that will not even allow PVC pipe to bid. The PVC Pipe Association and its representatives have been trying to open the bidding process in cities such as Columbus, Cincinnati and others for over 20 years.

All the PVC Pipe Association and the pipe producing members it represents are asking is for a level playing field and an opportunity to compete as long as the project specifications are met. This proposed legislation will help that happen.

Thanks for your time and attention.

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