



**Written Proponent Testimony on HB 343
Before the
House Ways and Means Committee
By the
Charles Penzone
On
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Chairman Schaffer, Vice- Chairman Scherer, Ranking Member Rogers, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill 343. I am the Founder and Chairman of The Charles Penzone Salons. My wife Debra and I have grown the company to 475 employees, providing around 300,000 client visits annually at our six salon/day spa locations. Over the past 46 years of operation, we have provided an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 jobs. Our company has been featured on many national media outlets including the Today Show, Inside Edition, People Magazine and many publications in the beauty industry.

I write the committee in support of House Bill 343 not as a salon and beauty industry leader, but as a commercial property owner. This legislation provides safeguards for property owners by requiring at least seven days' notice be given before a local government or school board has a hearing to approve authorization to challenge property values. Though my properties have not been challenged in the Board of Revision process – it would be sensible that I be informed by the government entity before filing a challenge with the Board of Revision.

House Bill 343 also requires a separate resolution be passed for each property the government entity challenges in the Board of Revision. This component is crucial, as each property should be vetted individually before a claim is filed with the Board of Revision against the property. All properties are different and deserve due consideration. A residential property located in East Columbus should be debated, with input from the owner, separate from a commercial property located in the Short North.

Simply stated, providing notice before an action is taken on a person's property is logical, increases transparency, and bestows a common courtesy between elected officials and their constituents. House Bill 343 does not restrict local governments and school boards from challenging property values; rather this legislation holds elected officials more accountable earlier in the process. I ask the committee to support on House Bill 343

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles A. Penzone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

Charles A. Penzone
Chairman
The Charles Penzone Salons