



# Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters

140 E Town St., Suite 1225; Columbus OH 43215

Michael P. Taylor, President

William E. Quinn, Secretary/Treasurer

---

**James P. Carney, Director of Governmental Affairs**

November 12, 2019

Chairwoman Manning, Vice Chair Dean, Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan and members of the House Commerce and Labor Committee. Please accept this written proponent testimony for HB 199.

My name is Jim Carney, I am a fulltime Fire Captain and Paramedic and the Director of Governmental Affairs for the OAPFF. The Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters represents over 12,000 fulltime fire, rescue, and EMS providers in over 260 jurisdictions across Ohio.

HB 199 expands the jurisdiction of the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board to license commercial roofers. The OAPFF supports this expansion and we ask for the committee to favorably report HB 199.

As building construction techniques and materials continue to evolve, including lightweight trusses, synthetics, insulation products, vapor barriers and fire rated components it is imperative that the buildings our citizens live work and recreate in are as safe as possible.

We believe that the complexity of commercial roof structures and the associated fire protection systems require contractors to keep up with best practices and current methods. HB 199 provides a commonsense approach to improve public safety by doing just that.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Jim Carney  
jcarney@oapff.org