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The Honorable Tom Brinkman  
Chairman, Ohio House Insurance Committee  
The Ohio House of Representatives  
77 S. High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215  
Delivered via email

***Re: House Bill 339 Substitute Bill***

Dear Chairman Brinkman,

The OII is a trade and information association of more than 55 Ohio-based property and casualty insurance companies and related affiliate organizations. OII members write approximately 87% of the auto insurance in Ohio. OII members write about two-thirds of the commercial insurance in the state. Property and casualty insurance companies employ more than 37,000 Ohioans.

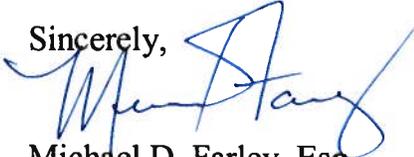
It is my understanding that Rep. Merrin is including an amendment in his substitute version of House Bill 339 to ensure that the intent of the General Assembly in passing his legislation is to make non-substantive changes. The substitute version of the bill includes language that is substantially similar to language found in R.C. 1.30. R.C. 1.30 allows for corrective changes to occur and specifies that the changes do not affect the underlying substance of the existing law. Simply put, if the corrective changes unintentionally make substantive changes, the law is to be read as if the corrective changes were not made. This protective-statutory mechanism has been codified for at least three decades. Here, the substitute bill will create R.C. 1.301 which has the same import and affect as R.C. 1.30.

The insurance industry is heavily regulated. Each change to the Revised Code has the possibility of impacting countless carefully crafted policies. The language included in the substitute version of House Bill 339 acknowledges the interrelation between the Revised Code and insurance policies. We appreciate your awareness of these dynamics. The continued success of the insurance industry in Ohio is dependent on diligent and thoughtful regulation.

*House Bill 339  
Letter to Chair Brinkman  
November 18, 2019*

With the inclusion of the language described above, the OII is neutral on House Bill 339

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Farley". The signature is stylized and written over the word "Sincerely,".

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*Cc: Representative Derek Merrin*