



Proponent Testimony

House Bill 77

Transportation & Public Safety Committee

Chairman Green, Vice-Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and Transportation & Public Safety Committee Members thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on the Legalize Window Tinting Act. My name is *Roger Burke* and I am the owner of *RNB Tailored Tints – Window Tint* in *Columbus, Ohio*. I strongly support House Bill 77. This bill will enable me to provide a service and product that many Ohioans request. Unfortunately, the current law restricts Ohioans from having a reasonable level of tint on their front-driver side windows.

This is unacceptable and unfair to Ohioans. By only allowing a 50% light transmittance on front driver & passenger side windows, it effectively makes tinting illegal in Ohio. Our state law should align with many other states that provide the freedom to tint windows. From health to security concerns, there are many reasons Ohioans tint their windows. It is time the Ohio recognize these reasons and adjust the law to accommodate for these legitimate purposes.

This regulation is burdensome for local businesses that perform window-tinting services on vehicles. A car window, tinted at a 50% light transmittance level, does not offer much protection to our customers and is not desirable. An increase to a 30% transmittance level for front driver-side windows will meet many of our customer's specifications. The current mandate provides a roadblock for my business by restricting the sale of in-demand products that are legal in other states. By changing a rigid law that is not reasonable, Ohio will encourage economic growth, support small business, and further liberty.

I thank the committee for this opportunity and I am able to answer any questions at this time.

Sincerely,

Mr. Roger N. Burke, Jr.

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RNB Tailored Tints