



Matthew A. Szollosi: Executive Director

Email: mszollosi@actohio.org ▪ Direct: (614) 795-3164

To: Ohio Senate – Public Utilities Committee
From: Matthew A. Szollosi, Executive Director, ACT Ohio
Date: June 1, 2017

Re: Proponent Testimony on SB 128

Chairman Beagle, Vice-Chair LaRose, Ranking Member Williams:

The Affiliated Construction Trades Ohio Foundation (“ACT Ohio”) is a 501(C)(5) organization established by the Ohio State Building & Construction Trades Council to facilitate economic and industrial development and promote industry best practices for Ohio’s public and private construction. Please accept this correspondence as our organization’s support of SB 128.

ACT Ohio exists to ensure the bar remains high for quality and safety with regard to Ohio’s construction industry. Our 137 local affiliates and 14,000+ signatory contractors invested in excess of \$48 million dollars in apprenticeship training last year. Please note that this investment is 100% private money – hourly deductions from workers’ paychecks and agreed-upon employer contributions. We have, and will continue to, vehemently oppose taxpayer subsidization of apprenticeship training for construction.

According to the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, 83% of Ohio’s construction industry apprentices are registered in our programs. This includes 94% of Ohio’s female apprentices, and 88% of Ohio’s minority apprentices. Upon completion of their training, they become an essential part of our workforce.

Electrical generation creates and sustains thousands of good-paying jobs in the State of Ohio. ACT Ohio has adopted an “all of the above” position with regard to generation, including coal, gas, wind, solar and of course nuclear power. In partnership with the Building Trades, our contractors can build, maintain and repair all of these highly sophisticated facilities to ensure consistent and dedicated power for Ohio’s businesses and consumers.

The Davis-Besse and Perry Nuclear Power Stations support thousands of stable, high-paying jobs across Ohio, including 1,400 direct employees at the two plants. Many of these full-time workers belong to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (“IBEW”), earning strong wages and competitive benefits. For the Building Trades, the ongoing maintenance and facility upgrades are critically important for our industry.

According to a recent study published by Nuclear Matters, the Building Trades average close to a quarter million man-hours on the two nuclear power plants. It is not uncommon for these numbers to exceed 500,000 hours in years involving shut-downs for refueling, significant facility enhancements or safety projects. These hours are very meaningful to our members and their families.



Email: info@actohio.org ▪ Web: www.actohio.org ▪ Phone: (614) 228-5446

© 2017

Davis-Besse is licensed to operate through 2037, and Perry potentially through 2046. Our sole interest in SB 128 is directly on these jobs and the impact on the construction industry if nuclear power generation is no longer viable in the State of Ohio.

Please call me directly with any questions and thank you for giving SB 128 your close consideration.

Matthew A. Szollosi
Executive Director, ACT Ohio
614.228.5446
mszollosi@actohio.org