



SENATE GENERAL GOVERNMENT & AGENCY REVIEW COMMITTEE

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OPPONENT TESTIMONY (WRITTEN ONLY) ON SENATE BILL 246

Chair Schuring, Vice Chair Rulli, Ranking Member O'Brien and Senators on the General Government & Agency Review Committee:

Our organizations represent commercial construction contractors, subcontractors and specialty trades, and workers. Our members build schools, roads, bridges, office and medical complexes, pipelines, industrial and manufacturing facilities, wastewater treatment plants, mechanical and electrical systems, and a host of other vertical and horizontal structures. **We strongly support the commercial construction industry's educational and professional programs and invest heavily in them.**

OUR ORGANIZATIONS STRONGLY OPPOSE S.B. 246 AS IT WILL WEAKEN LICENSURE FOR CONSTRUCTION TRADES.

Licensing for skilled trade professionals plays an intricate role in the construction industry. For decades, the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board ("OCILB") has been made up of union and non-union representatives that have professionally handled issues involving licensing and reciprocity with other states.

When it comes to licensing, these industry professionals are better suited to make these determinations without the legislature overreaching into this specialized arena. Our industry group strongly opposes any legislation or language that would alter or dilute the law regarding licensing construction industry related trades or professions.

We urge you not to favorably report S.B. 246.