



February 5, 2020

The Honorable Bob Hackett
Chairman, Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee
Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: House Bill 81 – OMA Proponent Written Testimony

Dear Chairman Hackett:

The OMA is pleased to offer proponent written testimony on House Bill 81. Throughout the years, the OMA has consistently advocated for an efficient and effective workers' compensation system that benefits workers, employers, and the economy of the state. House Bill 81 helps achieve these attributes of a well-run bureau of workers' compensation system.

House Bill 81 was amended in the House and includes several provisions that will improve the BWC. These provisions include:

- Amending the commencement of the continuing jurisdiction for the BWC and Industrial Commission;
- Revising the statute of limitations for filing a Violation of Specific Safety Rule (VSSR);
- Modifying the procedures for final settlement agreements; and
- Codifying of common law's voluntary abandonment doctrine.

We would like to thank Rep. Perales for his work on the original bill and the amended version and would urge the committee to quickly pass House Bill 81.

Sincerely,

Rob Brundrett
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