



16 December, 2020

Re: Opposition to changes to the experience requirement for volunteer trapper education instructors (HB 442) on behalf of the Ohio Conservation Federation

Dear Senators McColley, Johnson, Antonio and members of the committee,

I am writing today to express the concerns of the Ohio Conservation Federation regarding the proposed changes to the experience requirements for volunteer trapper education instructors detailed in lines 958-960.

It makes clear sense to our membership that the agency, the Ohio Division of Wildlife, bearing the most expertise, and its highest officer, the Chief of the Division of Wildlife, be responsible for and have the authority to determine the minimum experience requirements for trapper education instructors.

We ask that this experience requirement and the Chief of the Division of Wildlife's authority remain intact should this bill advance.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have, so please feel free to contact me at your discretion.

Sincerely yours,

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