

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): H. B. No. 91

Specific Issue: We wish to waive our opportunity to provide testimony and strongly support the enactment of sections 168.01, 168.02, 168.03, 168.04, 168.05, 168.06, 168.07, 168.08, 168.09, 168.10, 168.11, 168.12, 168.13, 168.14, and 168.15 of the Revised Code to authorize certain public entities to enter into public-private initiatives with a private party through a public-private agreement regarding public facilities.

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? No time is requested.

Please provide a brief statement on your position: We at Plenary Americas, strongly support the enactments of sections of the Revised Code noted above to authorize certain public entities to enter into public-private partnerships. These enactments will facilitate the availability of a greater set tools for public owners and entities to procure, deliver, manage, operate and maintain public facilities in a cost efficient manner, along with the transfer of certain appropriate procurement, delivery and long term operations and management risks over to the private sector partners.

Public-private-partnerships (P3s) have had a long standing record of providing significantly greater Value for Money (VfM) for public expenditures. These recommended enactments will allow the citizens of State of Ohio to benefit from the same improved procurement, delivery and asset management processes that have been in place elsewhere in the United State for many years.

We encourage the Infrastructure and Rural Development Committee leadership to vote in favor on H. B. No. 91.

Respectfully Submitted

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