

May 12, 2021

Mr. Rocco Fana PHCC Ohio 8226 Stoney Brook Drive Chagrin Falls, OH 44023-4849

Dear Mr. Fana,

On behalf of Bradford White Corporation (BWC), I want to express our support for Senate Bill 142 as it has been introduced to the Ohio Legislature. We are pleased that state policymakers are interested in addressing this important matter and are eager to offer any information that would assist in furthering this piece of legislation.

BWC is an American-owned, full-line manufacturer of residential, commercial, and industrial products for water heating, space heating, combination heating, and water storage. In the State of Ohio, a significant number of individuals, families, and job providers rely on our products for their hot water and space heating needs.

We sell products solely through the wholesale channel, so that we can be assured that they are being installed, repaired, and maintained by highly qualified individuals who have been properly trained. By creating a "residential only" state construction license, Senate Bill 142 will help advance these assurances by safeguarding the health and safety of individuals and families across the State of Ohio, while also making certain that our products are achieving their optimal performance once installed.

Additionally, Senate Bill 142 will allow for greater consistency and certainty in Ohio's municipal regulatory framework. BWC understands that approximately 170 municipalities throughout the state currently require contractors to hold a commercial construction license, even when engaging in residential projects. This legislation would therefore align requirements for all municipalities in the state and provide uniformity and better understanding for residential construction contractors.

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Once again, BWC supports Senate Bill 142 as it has been introduced to the Ohio Legislature. If you have any questions, or would like any additional feedback, please feel free to contact me directly.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Bradford White Corporation** 

Eric Truskoski Senior Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs

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