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Sen. Terry Johnson, Chairman Ohio Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee The Ohio Statehouse

Re: SB 131

Chairman Johnson, Vice-Chair Cirino & Ranking Member Williams:

Please be advised that the Affiliated Construction Trades Ohio Foundation ("ACT Ohio") is a 501(c)(5) organization created to facilitate economic and industrial development opportunities, and to promote industry-best practices for Ohio's public and private construction.

ACT Ohio currently has 137 local affiliates across the state, who in the aggregate represent more than 95,000 building trades members. ACT Ohio has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars to promote careers in construction to Ohioans of all ethnic and socioeconomic circumstances. We are aggressively recruiting the best and the brightest to seek an apprenticeship and develop skills that can sustain a family. We strongly support the concept of getting young people, minorities, females and veterans involved and interested in Ohio's construction industry.

Please be advised that ACT Ohio supports adoption of amendment 134-2571-1, which is before the committee for consideration. Pending adoption of the amendment, ACT Ohio removes its opposition and moves to neutral on the legislation.

I would like to thank the bill sponsors and their staffs for their willingness to work patiently and thoroughly through this amendment process. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

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