

OHIO ROOFING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

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Senator Johnson Chairperson, Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee Ohio Statehouse 1 Capitol Square, 2nd Floor Columbus, OH 43215

Chairperson Johnson,

The Ohio Roofing Contractors Association is supportive of the passage of House Bill 68. Our members, who perform roofing work and supply the roofing industry, would be positively impacted by this legislation.

Anything that the General Assembly can do right now to speed payments to contractors and suppliers for the work they have performed will provide much needed help to our members, who are predominately local small businesses.

When the contractor at the top of the chain has to wait for months to be paid by a private owner, that means we are waiting too. In the meantime, we all need to pay our employees, our mortgages, our equipment providers and our utilities.

The overhead never stops even when payments for our work are slow. This puts us in an often difficult place as small business owners to balance our debts with our ability to bid and bond new work. Being paid timely for work we have already completed should not be an unreasonable economic expectation.

Please help us now by passing House Bill 68 as soon as possible. It will help many roofing contractors continue to successfully perform our essential work and support our local employees and communities.

Sincerely,

Fred Horner, ORCA President Advanced Industrial Roofing

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