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SUBJECT: SB 41, Opposition Testimony

1. Introduction. Chair Swearingen, Vice-Chair Santucci, Ranking Member Upchurch, and members of the House Economic and Workforce Development Committee, my name is Charles Huber and I serve on the Ohio Building Officials' Association (OBOA) Legislative and By-Laws Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide opposition testimony on Senate Bill (SB) 41. OBOA is a professional organization consisting of approximately 1,000 members most of whom administer construction and fire rules. Our membership includes private sector architects, professional engineers, other construction designers, and construction contractors. Our members include employees and officials in State government. This testimony has been neither specifically coordinated nor endorsed by any State government employee or official.

2. Summary. SB 41 would have the unintended consequence of removing the convenience of local nonresidential boards of building appeals (BBA) in some jurisdictions. OBOA proposes the House Economic & Workforce Development Committee and SB 41 sponsor amend SB 41 to apply only to the Ohio BBA, not local BBA. The SB 41 amendment could be crafted such that if an Appellant desired the expedited procedures and were in a jurisdiction with a local nonresidential BBA, then they could appeal directly to the Ohio BBA.

3. Background. City of Dayton, Hamilton County, and Stark County stated that if expedited appeals procedures become law, then they would have to dissolve their local BBA's. Then all nonresidential building code appeals (including non-urgent, non-expedited appeals) would have to be heard by the Ohio BBA.

4. Conclusion. OBOA offers the House Economic & Workforce Development Committee, the SB 41 sponsor, proponents, and stakeholders assistance in drafting a SB 41 amendment. My contact information's (M) 330-389-2954, e-mail chuber@foa.org