



October 24, 2023

My name is Sean Rank, President of the Western Ohio Home Builders Association and owner of D & S Construction and I will be impacted by Senate Bill 119.

I am writing to express opposition to Senate Bill No. 119, which would create an undue burden on the Construction & Demolition industry in Ohio. This bill would hurt an already heavily regulated industry and represents a threat to Ohio's economic infrastructure and public health.

The permissible fees presented in SB 119 would drive our disposal costs up significantly, which would have to be passed on to our customers: the Ohio citizens building new homes and renovating existing homes. This will negatively impact the growth and redevelopment in our communities for years to come. A potential fee increase of this magnitude will divert funds away from our communities to address an isolated issue while negatively impacting Ohio development, redevelopment, housing, and affordable housing through state-initiated inflation creating excess operating funds for currently fully funded programs. The permissible fees have no requirement for the regulatory agency to demonstrate a need or plan for the additional funds that would be garnished by unelected officials who will pass the funds on to an entity that has no authority to tax Ohio citizens. This bill will not solve the isolated problem for one facility in Seneca County but will negatively impact Ohio homebuilders.

I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Rank".

Sean Rank
President
Western Ohio Home Builders Association