



**HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
PROPONENT TESTIMONY ON H.J.R. 8**

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Chair Oelslager, Vice Chair LaRe, Ranking Member Sweeney, and Representatives on the Finance Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to express The Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Ohio's support of Senate Joint Resolution (HJR) 8.

Passage of HJR 8 would allow voters to renew and expand Ohio's highly successful State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) on the May 2025 ballot. Administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission, SCIP provides vital funding to local governments for improvements to roads, bridges, culverts, water supply systems, wastewater systems, stormwater collection systems, and solid waste disposal facilities. The funding is provided through grants, loans, and loan assistance or local debt support.

AGC of Ohio is a construction association representing large and small commercial building and industrial contractors across the state. Our members work on a wide variety of public and private projects. They build and renovate hospitals, warehouses and manufacturing facilities, water treatment plants, offices, solid waste facilities, schools, mixed-use developments, and other vertical structures.

While a minority of our contractor members will directly work on SCIP-assisted projects, a strong public infrastructure system supports private investments, which benefits the entire construction industry and Ohio's economy. Funding critical improvements like safe water systems and reliable roads and bridges enhances the quality of life for residents and strengthens the foundation for local businesses to thrive.

Since its creation in 1987, the state legislature has championed SCIP. AGC of Ohio urges you to favorably report HJR 8 and support local infrastructure improvement projects for another ten years.