

December 4, 2023

Representative Sarah Fowler Arthur  
99<sup>th</sup> House District  
Travis Ricketts, Majority Policy Advisor  
Ohio House of Representatives

Re: Proposed language change for HB238

Dear Representative Fowler Arthur and Mr. Ricketts,

Thank you for speaking with me today regarding HB238 and its impact on the Ohio Architects Board's budget. As we discussed, the current bill proposal to reduce renewal fees by \$25 would have a detrimental impact on the Board's continued operations. A complete reduction of the initial license fee (currently \$50), however, could be borne by the Board without serious impact on its ability to be self-sustaining. We welcome this suggestion as an alternative to the current proposal, and agree that it would provide a critical financial benefit to those entering the profession and choosing Ohio as their initial place of licensure.

The Ohio Architects Board remains committed to reducing barriers to architect licensure, and we would welcome any future discussions about how we can help support these efforts.

Sincerely,



Shannon Himes,  
Executive Director