

Affiliated Construction Trades Ohio Foundation

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Chairman McClain, Vice Chair Dobos, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee:

Please be advised that the Affiliated Construction Trades Ohio Foundation ("ACT Ohio") is a 501(c)(5) organization created to help foster economic and industrial development opportunities, and to promote industry-best practices for Ohio's public and private construction. ACT Ohio currently has 141 local affiliates across the state, who in the aggregate represent more than 97,000 building trades members.

ACT Ohio supports an all-of-the-above energy strategy for the state of Ohio. For decades, Building Tradespeople have built and have maintained our state's oil refineries, oil and gas pipelines, coal- and natural gas-fired power plants, and nuclear energy facilities. In addition, Ohio's Building Trades unions are leading the state in training construction workers to build and maintain the infrastructure required to incorporate wind, solar, hydropower, and alternative fuels infrastructure into Ohio's energy portfolio. Finally, we are proud to partner with Ohio's automotive and advanced manufacturing leaders to ensure that the construction of their plants results in world-class quality and efficiency for their future operations.

The electrification of motor vehicles is a growth area for our members. We support investment in the modernization of Ohio's electric grid and generation infrastructure. ACT Ohio supports policies that ensure Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment is installed by tradespeople with an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) certification or another EVSE-specific training course offered through an electrical Registered Apprenticeship Program. With continued investment in the coming decades, Ohio's EV infrastructure can provide industry and the public with increased sustainable transportation options.

However, EV mandates and vehicle emissions standards that exceed federal EPA standards have the potential to cause economic harm should such requirements be imposed on industries, governmental bodies, and consumers.

ACT Ohio supports the protections that HB 201 provides to industry and consumers by prohibiting the restriction on the use or sale of motor vehicles based on power/fuel source.

Thank you to the members of the House Transportation Committee for considering ACT Ohio's support for HB 201. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (614) 795-3164 or mszollosi@actohio.org.