



**SENATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
S.B. 73 - Opposition to the Inclusion of Construction Equipment**

***Submitted Written Only on March 28, 2023 by the
Associated General Contractors of Ohio and Ohio Contractors Association***

The Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Ohio and Ohio Contractors Association (OCA) appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns with Senate Bill (S.B.) 73 covering construction equipment.

Collectively, AGC and OCA represent over 600 union and open shop (non-union) commercial contractors who employ tens of thousands of tradespeople. Our members construct roads, schools, bridges and culverts, medical centers, wastewater treatment plants, industrial and manufacturing facilities, utilities, and a wide variety of other vertical and horizontal nonresidential structures.

Our members perform their work as quickly, efficiently, and safely as possible. Properly operating equipment is vital to that end. Downtime means lost productivity and lost dollars. Additionally, construction equipment is inherently dangerous and complex. Inadequate repairs and unauthorized modifications not only pose a risk to the equipment operator, but to other tradespeople on the jobsite and the general public.

While we appreciate Sen. Blessing's intentions with S.B. 73, the legislation as drafted would negatively impact a contractor's ability to swiftly complete proper repairs to equipment; make it more difficult for local equipment dealers to provide adequate customer service and needed expertise; force longer lead times for parts; and make it easier to perform unauthorized modifications.

We urge the committee to exclude construction equipment from S.B. 73 to ensure contractors can continue to build Ohio's infrastructure and capital projects safely and efficiently.