

To: Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

RE: Senate Bill 147

Date: 4/9/2025

Dear Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Members:

I am writing to express opposition to Senate Bill No. 147.

Senate Bill No. 147 will impose an undue burden on my company and Ohio Taxpayers as a whole. The exorbitant fees for C&DD material will inevitably be passed on to our customers- the hardworking citizens of Ohio who are building or renovating their homes. Not only will this bill hinder our ability as **homebuilders to control costs** and provide **attainable housing options** for Ohioans, but it will **discourage recycling** efforts. If we are charged the same cost for disposal on C&DD as we are MSW, how can we justify paying additional labor to sort the C&DD material out which is easily recyclable? In addition, SB147 threatens to exacerbate the already challenging issue of **housing affordability**, making it increasingly difficult for individuals and families to achieve the dream of homeownership.

It is our understanding that this bill is trying to address an issue in one area of Ohio that should be handled locally. This is a proposed fee hike that **lacks transparency and accountability**. There has been no demonstrated need for additional funding- the health department in question has demonstrated more than sufficient funding for their operational needs regarding C&DD facilities.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider Senate Bill No. 147 and its potential ramifications on our industry, including construction companies and the communities we serve. We stand ready to engage in constructive dialogue and collaborate on solutions that promote responsible development while safeguarding the interests of all Ohioans.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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