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Re: Opposition to HB59 – Delicensing of the Ohio Radon Program

Introduction

Good afternoon, Chairwoman Ray, Vice Chair LaRe, Ranking Member Brent, and esteemed members of the House General Government Committee. My name is Tony McDonald, and I have been a stakeholder in the radon industry for more than 30 years. I have been a licensed mitigation specialist since 1997, and the sole focus of my company, A-Z Solutions, Inc., is the design and installation of radon mitigation systems. We are a proud Ohio-based small business employing 25 skilled professionals who dedicate their work every day to keeping Ohio families safe from the dangers of radon exposure.

Licensing Protects Consumers

Licensing is good for consumers. It provides homeowners with confidence that the professionals they hire understand and follow proper protocols for conducting accurate radon assessments. Radon measurement is not simply placing a test kit and waiting for results. Licensed professionals must understand the physics of radon decay and particle behavior; building science, including HVAC mechanics and air exchange; the stack effect, pressure differentials, and airflow patterns; and exposure calculations and hazard assessment protocols. Without licensing, anyone could claim to be a radon expert, use cheap detectors, and produce unreliable readings. Consumers might then waste money on unnecessary mitigation—or worse, ignore a serious health risk because of a false “safe” reading.

Licensing Is Not a Barrier to Entry

The requirements to become a licensed radon measurement professional are reasonable and accessible. The preparatory course for the exam is only 16 hours and typically costs under \$300. The license exam is multiple-choice and can be retaken as needed, and the license itself costs less than \$200 per year. These modest requirements ensure competence without discouraging new entrants to the profession—a balance that keeps both standards high and opportunities open.

Eliminating the License Would Create Unintended Consequences

Under current law, anyone conducting a radon measurement must be either a licensed measurement specialist or a licensed mitigation specialist. There are approximately four times as many measurement specialists as mitigation specialists. Eliminating the measurement license would immediately create a shortage of qualified professionals, leading to longer wait times—potentially exceeding four weeks—for radon testing. Such delays would cause unnecessary disruptions in the real estate market, where timely radon testing is often required during property transactions.

Deregulation Would Not Lower Costs

Eliminating the measurement license would not make radon testing more affordable for consumers. In fact, the opposite is likely. Without measurement specialists, only mitigation specialists—who typically have higher overhead costs—could perform the tests. This would raise prices and reduce availability. The typical cost for a radon measurement today is roughly the same as it was in 2000, showing that licensing has not inflated consumer prices. Removing licensing would only shift the cost burden upward, with no benefit to homeowners.

Conclusion

What may appear to be a measure of deregulation and efficiency would, in practice, have the opposite effect. Eliminating Ohio's radon measurement license would eliminate jobs for qualified professionals, reduce consumer protection, compromise data quality and integrity, and put Ohio families at greater risk of lung cancer. On behalf of the 25 employees of A-Z Solutions and the many licensed professionals across Ohio, I respectfully urge this Committee to reject the proposed elimination of the Radon Measurement Licensure and instead reaffirm Ohio's commitment to safety, professionalism, and scientific integrity.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be pleased to answer any questions from the Committee. I am also available for a follow up discussion if requested.

Regards,



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