

Testimony of Shad Evans
Board Member of the Ohio Association of Radon Professionals
Before the Ohio House of Representatives Government Oversight Committee
November 4, 2025
Re: Addressing the proposed HB59 delicensing of the Ohio Radon Program

Chairman Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey, and esteemed members of the Ohio House Oversight Committee.

My name is Shad Evans, I submit this letter as a Board Member and Officer of the Ohio Association of Radon Professionals (OARP). OARP represents the Radon Testers and Mitigators for the State of Ohio. OARP opposes the proposed elimination of the radon testing licensure as noted in HB59. This would have a severe impact on the health of Ohioans and reduce potential opportunities for the 952 licensed radon testing individuals that offer radon testing to our fellow Ohioans.

Under this proposal existing testers would be required to obtain a mitigation specialist license that will cost them additional money and time, time away from their business. Often times the radon testers are home inspectors that preform inspections on residential homes, providing the buyer with information on the home they are purchasing, if these tests are not conducted under the correct testing conditions, “passing / failing” results will be provided to the buyer. This will result in mitigation system installations that didn’t need to happen and / or no mitigation systems being installed, therefore putting the owner at risk for developing Radon Induced Lung Cancer.

Per the Ohio Radon Report Card published by Indoor Environments Association / AARST 2025, Ohio had 10,024 new Lung Cancer cases with 2,559 being attributed to Radon-Induced Lung Cancer Cases. These Lung Cancer cases have medical and economic cost related to them each over 5 Million dollars. <https://aarst.org/Report-Cards/OH-Report-Card.html>.

Eliminating the testing licensure would not streamline the radon industry – it would negatively impact both the Health of Ohioans and Home Inspection Companies located throughout Ohio.

In Closing, I would urge the Committee eliminate this proposed change for the protection of Ohioans.