

Testimony of Wayne Porter
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 Wayne Porter. I am currently a member on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Association of Radon Professionals (OARP). I am a licensed Radon Mitigation Specialist and a licensed Radon Mitigation Contractor in the State of Ohio. I have been licensed since 2005. My company offers residential radon mitigation services.

The purpose of this correspondence is to **strongly oppose** the proposed elimination of the Radon Measurement Licensure for the State of Ohio.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. Ohio is labeled as a “Zone 1” on the EPA’s Radon Zone Map, which means there is a high prevalence of radon in our state. Over HALF of homes throughout the state that have been tested exceed the acceptable levels.

Radon testing is the ONLY way to know what the levels are in a home. Whether your home has a functioning mitigation system in place or not, periodic radon testing is recommended by the EPA at least every two years, because the radon levels can fluctuate.

Radon is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. Therefore, radon testing, done properly with the proper equipment and training, is very important.

If you were to eliminate the Radon Measurement License under this proposal, you would in fact now require a Radon Mitigation Specialist license for someone to perform radon testing. If that were to happen, I foresee many individuals who are licensed solely for the purpose of testing to not pursue the new license, as it requires unnecessary requirements, time, and money. We don’t want to eliminate people from radon testing. The more individuals we have licensed to be Radon Testers will only protect Ohio citizens from the dangers of radon exposure. Please consider this when making your decision. Eliminating the Radon Measurement Licensure is the wrong choice for the health of the citizens of Ohio, and the many small businesses serving our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Wayne Porter

