

Testimony of Brenden Gitzinger, Radon Specialist, OH License RS-189
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Re: Addressing the proposed HB59 Delicensing of the Ohio Radon Program

Good afternoon, Chairwoman Ray, Vice Chair LaRe, Ranking Member Brent, and esteemed members of the House General Government Committee.

Radon is the leading cause of Lung Cancer among non-smokers and the leading environmental cause of cancer in the United States. This is according to the US Surgeon General, the US EPA and the American Medical Association.

All of Ohio's counties have homes and other buildings with elevated indoor radon based on Ohio Department of Health Data, making radon a significant public health risk in our state. The only way to know if one has a high radon exposure risk is to test.

The professional radon industry in Ohio conducts on average 50,000 indoor radon measurements per year. Most of those tests are done by individuals having the current Radon Tester license. There are significantly more active testing licenses in Ohio than there are specialists.

Eliminating the Radon Tester license will hurt severely the industry's capacity to protect Ohioans and save Ohio lives. It will also make it more difficult to separate the potential conflict of interest between testing to identify elevated levels in buildings, which is typically done by testers, and mitigating buildings with data provided by others, an activity done primarily by specialists.

Thank you for your consideration,

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