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Chairwoman Kristin D. Roegner
Vice Chair Theresa Gavarone
Ranking Member Willis E. Blackshear, Jr.
Honorable Members of the Senate General Committee
The Ohio State 136th General Assembly
Ohio Statehouse
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Senate Bill 262 “Show Your Work”

Good afternoon Chairwoman Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, and Honorable Members of the Senate General Government Committee:

My name is Ryan Recicar, and I am the Contracts Manager of The Ruhlin Company (“Ruhlin”), having been with the company since September, 2024. My position consists of largely reviewing contracts that use state standard industry forms this Bill addresses.

Ruhlin began as a small general construction company in 1915 and has grown significantly since, with a presence covering the entire state and surrounding states as well. Ruhlin regularly works on state projects, including those with the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and others. Other notable entities we work with are the Cleveland Clinic, Ohio State University, Cleveland Cliffs, Davey Tree, Norfolk Southern and Cleveland State University.

For context, Ruhlin currently employs 575 people, with 425 of those people on an estimated 150 projects, and our administrative staff at 150 professionals.

To highlight a couple of projects that Ruhlin has completed in recent years, these include our Ruhlin-Shelley and Sands Joint Venture at \$160M, our Cannon Drive project at \$45M, our Cleveland Clinic Middleburgh Heights project at \$26M, and our McConnelsville Dam Rehabilitation at \$15M.

I am here today to testify in support of Senate Bill 262, also known as the Show Your Work Bill. This Bill simply sets out to make it clear when changes have been made to an industry standard contract. It requires all parties to disclose any and all changes to the industry standard contract. If they fail to do so, the language reverts to the original language in the industry standard contract. Senate Bill 262 seeks to streamline the review process for boilerplate language, enabling those tasked with reviewing these contracts to concentrate on specific modifications to industry-standard contracts.

For context, frequently used industry standard forms from the American Institute of Architects, also known as an “AIA,” which as my colleagues have addressed or will likely touch upon, include an “additions and deletions” report, which is tremendously helpful in pinpointing where exactly changes have been made in the document. On the first page of an AIA document, it will state that the document has been changed from its original format. Senate Bill 262 aims to mirror this process to the benefit of all parties involved.

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Public works contracts frequently exceed one hundred pages, containing intricate construction terms and legal descriptions. The time required to meticulously review each page, searching for subtle changes that may go unnoticed, even with multiple reviews, is simply not always possible. Companies like ours must manage various non-negotiable deadlines, frequently seen in public projects, including, but not limited to, review of the contract, plans, and estimates for the project's construction. These reviews are done by multiple people in various departments, accomplished within a compressed timeframe of three to five weeks. As you can imagine, the contract addresses all aspects of the project, and one phrase or sentence change can juxtapose the intent of the party, or worse, nullify or substantially change a key element of the entire project. Notably, this process is undertaken at the expense of the bidders, and with an average award rate of one in six in public bidding, it can be a substantial undertaking not only in terms of resources but also in terms of staff allocation.

In conclusion, I would like to request the committee's favorable consideration of Senate Bill 262. I appreciate your time and am happy to address any inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Recicar', with a stylized, flowing script.

Ryan Recicar

Contracts Manager