

Before the Ohio House Finance Sub-Committee on Agriculture, Development and Natural Resources
Chairman Darrell Kick
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Chairman Kick, Ranking Member O'Brien and members of the House Finance Sub-Committee on Agriculture, Development and Natural Resources,

My name is Shaune M. Skinner and I am the President of ASC Group, Inc. We are a small woman owned business that provide all services needed to Environmental Impact Statements including archaeology, ecology and hazardous materials. We have been in business for 34 years and I must say that this last year has been one of the most challenging years in operation.

Our tenure had us positioned to take advantage of the larger federal loan programs including the first PPP loans which provided much needed funding for operations. In addition, my business partner Elsie Immel-Blei and I did not have to interrupt our daily business duties to take care of children.

Unfortunately, other Woman owned small businesses in Ohio were not so lucky. Many women owned businesses had to put their operations on hold due to lack of income due to the pandemic and the need to care for their children who were no longer in school. House Bill 110, which would provide \$10 million over the biennium for small loans to women-owned businesses in Ohio is a much needed step to assist Women Owned Businesses to get the funding they need to return to business as usual.

I welcome the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the women-owned business loan fund as contained in House Bill 110, which would provide \$10 million over the biennium for small loans to women-owned businesses in Ohio.

I urge your support and favorable vote for the full \$10 million women-owned business loan fund as proposed in the executive budget.

Thank you in advance for providing opportunities for Women Owned Business's in Ohio!

Shaune Skinner
President