

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 1-14-22

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 482

Specific Issue: Create A Tax Fraud Study Commission

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

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How much time will your testimony require? 2-3 minutes

Please provide a brief statement on your position: Tax fraud has become endemic in the construction industry and is costing the state nad ultimately taxpayers millions sof dollars each year. A solution to this tax loss must be found.

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House Bill 482

Create a Tax Fraud Study Commission

Proponent Written Testimony

January 18 2022

Chairman Merrin, Vice Chair Riedel, Ranking Member Sobecki and members of the Ways and Means Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide testimony for H.B.482 "Creating a Tax Fraud Study Commission".

My name is Steve Schramm and I am providing written testimony in support of H.B.482, as I am unable to provide in person testimony due to my travel schedule. I believe I have an unique perspective to speak on this subject as:

- I founded and operated a large, profitable commercial construction company for 30 years, and still work there today.
- I served as a management trustee on Union Carpenters Pension and Health and Welfare Boards for over 30 years
- I presently serve as Township Trustee in Liberty Township Ohio
- I presently serve on the National Board of The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB).

In the past 40 years I have watched as the use of 1099/contract labor (initially created to help small business) explode to the point where some estimate it consumes 50% of Commercial Construction and well over 75% of Residential Construction. The process of creating multi layered subcontracts on individual projects, has overwhelmed taxing entities in their efforts to find the responsible party. Ultimately the tax collectors lose interest in spending so much time chasing small individual tax amounts, despite the cumulative totals growing into the tens (maybe hundreds) of millions of dollars yearly.

It is my belief that a path already exists within Ohio's information and legal framework to not only collect this lost tax revenue, but for little to no added cost. House Bill 482 is a great first step toward returning millions in uncollected taxes back to the state's bottom line. Please vote yes to allow us to find this path

Sincerely

Steve Schramm