



**OHIO ASSOCIATION OF
— RADON PROFESSIONALS —**

Protecting Ohioans Through Awareness, Education and Collaboration

TO: The Ohio Senate Finance Committee
RE: Proponent Testimony from The Ohio Association of Radon Professionals
SC3327 – Statewide Radon Awareness and Financial Assistance Program

May 17, 2021

Dear Chairman Dolan, Ranking Member Gavarone, Ranking Member Sykes and Distinguished Members of the Committee,

The Ohio Association of Radon Professionals comprises a membership of home inspector radon testers, mitigation specialists and contractors across Ohio.

Our mission is first and foremost to promote and support programs that raise awareness of radon-gas related issues within Ohio and improve the quality and promote better understanding of radon gas related services.

Thanks to the radon awareness legislation HB 106 - The Annie Cacciato Act currently making its way through the General Assembly, some important issues have come to surface, namely the need for testing and mitigation assistance for low-income Ohioans.

Radon is a known carcinogen, with Ohio possessing the 4th highest level of radon in the nation. In Ohio you are 17% more likely to get lung cancer than the U.S. average. Nationally, indoor radon gas is the #1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the # 2 cause overall. Elevated levels of radon are commonly found in all 88 counties across the state.

The impact of radon is preventable and can be mitigated, however there is no current funding available to low-income Ohio residents to test and mitigate for radon in their homes.

With the passage of SC3327, the General Assembly would provide low-income Ohioans with the necessary means to rid their homes of this cancer causing, odorless, colorless, tasteless silent killer.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this statement. For additional questions, please feel free to reach out to Jeanne Hoffman, OARP Executive Director at 614.746.3604 or executivedirector@theoarp.com.

