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The Honorable William Coley  
Chairman, Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee  
Senate Building  
1 Capitol Square, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Coley,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my support for the portion of House Bill 31 that abolishes the Government Contracting Advisory Council.

The creation of the Council was done via a series of statutes, ORC Sections 9.23 through 9.239, passed as part of House Bill 66 in 2005. It was an effort between Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro and Senator Jeff Jacobson intended to place more financial accountability provisions on those who contract with the state and with political subdivisions for certain services benefitting the public.

House Bill 31 keeps intact the original spirit, effect and intent of the law, which is to bring responsibility, accountability, and transparency to the use of state and/or local public funds in certain government contracting. The absence of the Council will not affect that intent.

I urge support of House Bill 31 and hope the committee will consider the bill favorably to eliminate this unnecessary pocket of bureaucracy.

Very respectfully yours,

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