

# ROBERT P. MECKLENBORG

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
6059 BRIDGETOWN ROAD  
SUITE 102  
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45248

Telephone (513) 460-1780

Email - rpmeck@mecklaw.co

January 10, 2018

Senator Kevin Bacon  
Chair Judiciary Committee

**RE:** S.B. 194/Proponent Testimony

Dear Chairman Bacon, Ranking Member Thomas and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

On behalf of the Towing and Recovery Association of Ohio (TRAO), I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak as a proponent of this much needed Bill. TRAO is the largest and oldest towing association in the State of Ohio. Its hardworking members are over 200 strong and come from every area of the State. They do much to promote the free flow of transportation and commerce while also doing their part to insure the safety of each of the roadways and communities throughout the State. TRAO is an affiliate of the National Association TRAA and its current President Vaughn Gobel from the Youngstown area is also 2nd V.P. of the National Association. Since you have already heard the testimony of some of our towers, the following is a brief summary of remaining areas we would like you to consider:

- You have heard primarily from some of the larger towers throughout the State. The unduly burdensome requirement of three (3) certified letters has also had a serious effect on many of the smaller towers and the local businesses in their communities.
- Keep in mind that there is no legitimate business or fairness reason for the three (3) certified letter requirement. Law enforcement tows, rather than private tows at issue in this bill, require only one (1) certified letter. Further, there is no other business or legal issue in the entire Ohio Revised Code that is so adversely affected by such a cumbersome and costly process.
- If any member has any questions or concerns, I will be happy to answer them.

Yours Truly,

Robert P. Mecklenborg, Esq.  
On Behalf of TRAO