

The Ohio Cemetery Association
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The House Civil Justice Committee:

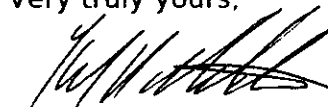
Chair Hillyer, Vice Chair Grendell, Ranking Member Golonski and members of the Committee, my name is Kirk Roberts. I am the President of Sherwood Memorial Gardens, Roberts Funeral Homes and American Cemetery Services in Wooster. I have worked in the cemetery industry in Ohio for thirty-three years. I am currently the Chairman of the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission. I have been a licensed funeral director in Ohio since 1996. Finally, I am the President of the Ohio Cemetery Association and the Chair of the OCA's Legislative Committee and a member of its Board of Directors. I offer my testimony today on behalf of the OCA.

When SB 199 was introduced in the Senate, the OCA immediately identified and objected to a few problematic provisions. After much communication with the OSBA, the Bill was amended to remove the provisions which the OCA found to be troubling.

Therefore, the OCA is pleased to support SB 199 as it was referred to this Committee. Of course, I would welcome the opportunity to elaborate on any questions or concerns.

Regardless, thank you for your time and attention to these matters.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirk Roberts', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kirk Roberts
President