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**House Commerce and Labor Committee  
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HB 88 – Proponent Testimony**

Chairman Stein, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan, and members of the House Commerce and Labor Committee. Please accept this written testimony in support of House Bill 88 which strengthens Ohio law by requiring commercial roofing contractors to obtain a contractor license issued by the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board (OCILB).

Requiring a roofing contractor to satisfy the same requirements that other specialty contractors must satisfy – including passing an examination – just makes sense and will ensure that the critical work performed by commercial roofing professionals meets the high standards that we would all expect.

There is a significant risk to first responders when contractors do not have the proper safety plans and equipment in place. Allowing unlicensed, and often fly-by-night, contractors to perform the highly technical work of a commercial roofing professional can only lead to an increased risk of a serious incident.

The Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association is pleased to support HB 88 and we appreciate Representative Patton for sponsoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Chief Steve Agenbroad  
Legislative Committee Chair  
Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association