



**HOUSE INFRASTRUCTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
PROPONENT TESTIMONY ON H.B. 101 (WRITTEN ONLY)
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Chair Stoltzfus, Vice Chair Dean, Ranking Member Brown and Representatives on the House Infrastructure and Rural Development Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to share the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Ohio's support of Substitute House Bill 101 (H.B. 101).

AGC of Ohio is a construction association that represents large and small, union and open shop (non-union), commercial building and industrial contractors from across the state. Our members work in both the public and private arenas; they construct hospitals, offices, schools, wastewater treatment plants, warehouses and manufacturing facilities, and a host of other vertical structures – including prisons.

We appreciate Representatives Stephens and Edwards efforts with this important legislation, and their responsiveness to our industry-specific questions. H.B. 101 creates a financing system to help prioritize state aid for county jail construction projects. It would provide an ongoing, long-term process by which the state can help counties replace and renovate their aging prison facilities.

Ohio Facilities Construction Commission's school funding program served as a model for this legislation. Many of our members have worked on OFCC school projects, and the program has been a valuable tool to help the state prioritize needs and manage school projects effectively.

The state has not had an ongoing capital construction program to assist county jails in nearly 20 years. H.B. 101 will help Ohio best prioritize its limited capital resources, and hopefully serve as an impetus to dedicate additional funding for counties much-needed prison construction and improvements.

We urge this committee to favorably report H.B. 101.