



**State Representative Brian Lampton
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**HB 193 – Sponsor Testimony
Ohio House Agriculture Committee
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Chairman Creech, Vice Chair Klopenstein, Ranking Member Brent and my colleagues on the House Agriculture Committee, thank you for the opportunity for Representative Miller and I to provide testimony on behalf of HB 193. To reiterate what my colleague has said, this bill specifies that none of the feedstock used in the production include industrial or commercial waste, in addition to the continued prohibition on human waste, and if the production facility uses agricultural feedstock, 100% of that feedstock must come from land under common ownership or leasehold as the production facility.

In addition to smell mitigation, HB 193 establishes procedures where a board of county commissioners must approve or disapprove of a biosolid lagoon or biodigestion facility prior to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) taking any action on a permit for the lagoon or facility and requires a person who wishes to install, operate, or modify a lagoon or facility to hold a public meeting concerning the OEPA permit application prior to its submission. Let me be clear, we do not want to hinder a farmer's ability to operate. This is an issue that was brought forward to me by a group of constituents and we are looking to help find a middle ground. My joint sponsor and I welcome any questions you may have.