



Ohio Society of Association Executives

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The Honorable William P. Coley, II
Chairman, Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee
Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square, 1st Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

The Honorable Rob McColley
Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Coley and Senator McColley:

Today, I submit this letter on behalf of the Ohio Society of Association Executives (OSAE) as an interested party in relation to Ohio SB 255. We are concerned with the bill's provisions relating to professional certification.

Since its 1938 founding, OSAE has provided a variety of tangible benefits, products and services designed to enhance growth, development and professional expertise among its membership. The association profession is diverse, its leaders knowledgeable and its experiences truly unique. As a nonprofit serving Ohio's powerful, economic-driving association industry, OSAE champions Ohio's associations and the professionals who serve in them. The organization assists our membership, comprised of association professionals, industry partners, professional services and hospitality peers, in efforts that best allow them to serve their unique communities and strengthen Ohio's rich business environment. At the heart of our community are people – researchers, innovators, mentors, communicators – whose expertise and hard work collectively help to create a stronger Ohio.

We submit our concerns as they relate to non-governmental professional credentialing, as we know it is vital to our state's workforce. As the largest provider of post-college professional training for workers, associations administer credentialing and certification programs for many professionals as a means of enhancing their reputation and competence in their respective field and to enable those professionals to demonstrate that they meet established standards of professional skill, competence and knowledge in their fields. All we are asking is that additional input be sought from the countless associations that improve, employ and strengthen Ohio's workforce and economic engine.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (614) 824-4054 or via email at jarrod@osae.org with any concerns or questions you may have for the organization. Thank you for considering OSAE's position on SB 255.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, OSAE

Cc: Senator Joe Uecker
Senator Joseph Schiavoni
Senator Kevin Bacon
Senator Edna Brown
Senator Matt Huffman
Senator Kris Jordan
Senator Frank LaRose
Senator Bob Peterson
Senator Michael Skindell