



June 17, 2025

The Honorable Nathan H. Manning
Chair, Judiciary Committee
The Ohio Senate

The Honorable Paula Hicks-Hudson
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee
The Ohio Senate

The Honorable Michele Reynolds
Vice Chair, Judiciary Committee
The Ohio Senate

RE: Support for Senate Bill 10

Dear Senators Manning, Reynolds and Hicks-Hudson:

The American Coatings Association (ACA) is the premier trade association dedicated to advancing the interests of the coatings industry and represents paint and coatings manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, and technical professionals. This \$32 billion industry employs approximately 312,000 U.S. workers. Many of today's paints and coatings may go unnoticed by the consumer, but they play immeasurably valuable roles in delivering high-quality foodstuffs, durable goods, housing, furniture, and thousands of other products to market.

ACA supports Senate Bill 10, which places appropriate guardrails on third party litigation funding arrangements. The coatings industry has a robust presence in Ohio with over 13,200 employees and a total payroll of almost \$970,000,000. Currently, there are over 1,600 coatings facilities in the state.

Third party litigation funding arrangements create a hostile business environment and operates as a deterrent to economic growth for our member companies in the state of Ohio. These arrangements oftentimes are not disclosed to plaintiffs and operate to impact litigation processes in ways that are not beneficial for plaintiffs or industry.

ACA supports third party litigation funding reform that ensures transparency and fairness to all parties. Senate Bill 10 is a firm start to accomplish this goal.

Please let me know if you have questions or if I can provide additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Heidi K. McAuliffe", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Heidi K. McAuliffe
Senior Vice President, Government Affairs

