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Chairman Scott Wiggam
Ohio House State and Local Government Committee
77 S. High St., 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Support of Occupational Licensure Review Report for Registered Sanitarians and Sanitarians-In-Training

Dear Chairman Wiggam and Committee Members:

On behalf of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA,) we are submitting this letter of support for the recommendations in the House State and Local Government Committee's report to update the requirements and criteria for the Registered Sanitarian and Sanitarian-In-Training professions in the state of Ohio. NEHA supports environmental public health practice in Ohio and across the globe; recognizing the hard work and vital impact of these roles on the citizens and territories served by inspecting, educating, and enforcing environmental health laws and rules. Licensed professionals number in the thousands and represent a wide variety of backgrounds including but not limited to federal and state governing agencies, higher education, non-profit and industry organizations.

Licensure of our profession exists to ensure a uniform workforce is properly qualified and trained to protect the public. NEHA supports the modifications in the report for Registered Sanitarians and Sanitarians-In-Training that are based on industry and national best-practices. The proposed changes will benefit the health and safety of the public and strengthen best practices employed by professionals.

Thank you for your efforts to review and update the requirements for professional practice in the state of Ohio. Please contact us if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David T. Dyjack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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