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Standing Committee on Social Policy
Natalia Kusendova, MPP, Chair
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RE: OHBA submission on Bill 88, *Working for Workers Act*, 2022

Dear Madam Chair & Committee Members,

We appreciate the Standing Committee on Social Policy providing an opportunity to share stakeholder input on Bill 88, *Working for Workers Act*, 2022. The Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) is the voice of the residential construction industry in Ontario. OHBA represents over 4,000 members including builders, developers, professional renovators, suppliers, trade contractors and many others within the residential construction sector.

OHBA is pleased to see Schedule 3 of the proposed legislation help tackle our province's labour shortage by providing certainty and predictability for out-of-province workers to be registered in their regulated trade within a 30-day period. This is an important standard that will enable newcomers to Ontario take up in demand careers, drive local economic investment in communities big and small and also encourage entrepreneurial opportunities for individuals to start their own businesses. The secondary initiative to accelerate the ability for workers with fall protection training to work in Ontario following a refresher course is also welcomed by our sector. This will help get more tradespersons into in-demand careers across our province.

OHBA welcomes these sensible changes to build up the rewarding career opportunities and workforce Ontario needs to build at least one million homes over the next ten years.

Best regards,

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