

PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

To: Ethan Wittkorn
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Ohio Lieutenant Governor's Common Sense Initiative Office

From: Angela Hawkins
Legal Director
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Date: January 8, 2021

Re: PUCO Response for Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:2-5 (Safety Standards).

In Case No. 19-147-TR-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) conducted its five year review of rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:2-5 (Safety Standards).

Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:2-5 is authorized by R.C. 4923.04.

Prior to issuing the proposed rules for written comment, the PUCO held a workshop on March 28, 2019, to enable interested stakeholders to offer proposals for Staff's consideration. No stakeholders attended the workshop.

Following the comment period, the PUCO issued a Finding and Order on November 4, 2020, adopting proposed Ohio Adm.Code 4901:2-5 (Safety Standards).

On December 23, 2020, CSI replied to the PUCO, stating that CSI had no recommendations, and concluding that that the PUCO should proceed with formal filing of the rules package with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). In light of CSI's conclusion, the PUCO will proceed and file Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:2-5 with JCARR.

cc: John Williams, Director, Transportation Department, PUCO
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Carrie Kuruc, Director of the Common Sense Initiative Office