



January 17, 2020

The Honorable Gayle Manning
77 S. High St.
Columbus, OH 43215
RE: House Bill 289

Chair Manning, Vice Chair Dean, Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan and Members of the House Commerce and Labor Committee on behalf of nearly 33,000 Ohio REALTORS® I write to share feedback on House Bill 289. Initially, our members had concerns with language in HB 289 that requires an inspection upon initial installation of a residential elevator. Additionally, the bill requires a point of sale inspection of an elevator in a private residence no more than sixty days before the sale of the home. Ohio REALTORS® opposes point of sale inspections and any type of government interference in the transfer of private residential property.

After very productive conversations with HB 289 sponsor, Representative Baldrige, and interested parties, an amendment (AM_133_1565) has been drafted to remove the residential section of the legislation. Ohio REALTORS® appreciates Rep. Baldrige's flexibility and openness to some changes and if AM_133_1565 is approved by the committee, we have no other concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to share feedback on HB 289. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Beth Wanless, Ohio REALTORS® Director of Government Affairs.

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