



WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE COMMERCE AND LABOR COMMITTEE

INTERESTED PARTY TESTIMONY

HB 674

June 3, 2020

Chair Manning, Vice Chair Dean, Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan, and members of the House Commerce and Labor Committee, thank you for the opportunity to write as an interested party for HB 674.

The OML is supportive specifically of the provision within the bill that streamlines the ability of municipalities to create Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas, or DORAs. The bill eliminates the population requirements and reduces the number of retail permit holders needed in the DORA from two to four.

It is clear that the crises of the past few months have tremendously impacted both businesses and the local governments they rely upon for quality local services. The provision would enable local businesses to work together with their municipality to find innovative solutions that will aid in the economic recovery Ohio needs.

Municipalities and local businesses alike would benefit from the provision within this legislation that revises the requirements to create DORAs. Thank you for the opportunity to offer interested party testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

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