

Tim Williams, Executive Director Ohio Manufactured Homes Association Amendment Statement and Proponent Testimony – HB 390 House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development Committee June 26, 2018

Chairman Dever, Vice Chairman Hoops, Ranking Member Smith, and members of the FIHUD Committee, I am Tim Williams, Executive Director of the Ohio Manufactured Homes Association (OMHA). Since 1947 the Ohio Manufactured Homes Association (OMHA) has represented all segments of the factory-built homes industry including manufactured home parks that provide affordable housing for 900,000 Ohioans.

I am providing a brief statement in support of an amendment that is being sought to House Bill 390. On June 19th the committee added an amendment (AM 2507) to the bill regarding procedures for electric car charging stations being sited in condominium communities. Our Association has no issue with the amendment added to the bill; however, OMHA requests consideration for a similar amendment for Manufactured Home Parks throughout Ohio. Manufactured Home Parks are unique in that there are a two different ownership and/or rental opportunities. Residents can own a home but rent the property/ "lot" or rent both the home and the lot. As it relates to HB 390, whereby a resident owns an electric car, they too will need access to a corresponding electric car charging station. OMHA wants to accommodate manufactured home residents in Ohio. OMHA believes that the amendment 2507 was fair to all parties and we seek parity for our park owners/residents.

Manufactured Home Parks in Ohio and nationwide are going through significant acquisitions and community infrastructure investments. Aging parks are being purchased and older homes are being replaced with today's new homes exhibiting superior craftsmanship and fire safety innovations. Adding this amendment for manufactured home parks will further contribute to the significant renaissance transforming manufactured homes living and redevelopment in Ohio. As incentives and demand for electric vehicles increases so will the need for these charging stations.

We respectfully request that an amendment similar to AM 2507 be added to House Bill 390. OMHA has vetted the concept to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Ranking Minority Member as well as the sponsor and there is no objection.

OMHA also separately supports House Bill 390 as an improvement in standardizing the eviction service process. With manufactured home parks in all 88 counties we see firsthand the lack of statewide standardization that exists. House Bill 390 will be a well-regarded improvement to this process and we urge support.

We appreciate your consideration of the amendment and the bill.

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