To: Members of the Finance – General Government and Agency Review Subcommittee

From: Tom Rehrig, Director of Product and Industrial Engineering, Clayton Homes

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Dear Sirs:

I have had of pleasure of representing MH Home Manufacturers on the Commission on two different occasions. My regular duties at Clayton Homes, the nation's largest manufactured home builder, include working with each of the states Manufactured Housing Installation Programs and Dispute Resolution programs. We deliver homes to all 50 states and I have worked with just about every state at one time of the other when setup or code interpretation issues come up. This has allowed me to experience many different programs. The Ohio program is without a doubt a model for other states as it represents all shareholders within the manufactured housing spectrum, most importantly it includes representation of the homeowner and home installers whom are regularly not included in rule making decisions by other states. Contrary to some of the press, the Commission has striven to ensure that Ohio citizens live in safe and affordable housing. The current rule and law in Ohio is the most thorough and reasonable interpretation of the Federal standards I have seen. These rules exist because they were put together by a team that understood many of the unique requirements of owning and selling Manufactured Homes. As I read the various articles from the last couple of months, it is obvious that other government branches do not understand the difference between Mobile Homes, Manufactured Homes, and Trailers. If they cannot get this fundamental part right, there is little hope that they will be able to improve on the program currently in place.

I greatly appreciate your consideration and would urge you to consider retaining the Commission as it is currently operating.

Tom Rehrig

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