



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-8000

OFFICE OF HOUSING

Dear State Senator:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Office of Manufactured Housing Programs (OMHP) administers the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, as amended in 2000 (the Act). OMHP is a national HUD program established to ensure the quality, durability, safety, and affordability of manufactured homes, which contribute to a significant portion of Ohio's housing stock, particularly in rural areas. OMHP helps protect your citizens through the enforcement of the federal manufactured home construction and safety standards, and installation standards, as well as through its national dispute resolution program.

The Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission has been an excellent partner in protecting your citizens and ensuring access to safe, affordable manufactured homes. Our partnership with the Commission has been a critical component of our programs. The Commission enforces its HUD-approved home installation program and HUD-approved dispute resolution program. OMHP has worked extensively with the Commission on compliance and regulatory issues that affect the health and safety of your citizens with exemplary results.

The Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission has been a critical source of institutional and local knowledge about issues affecting manufactured home owners in your state. Ohio is an active state in the manufactured housing sector of the economy, with two active plants in Bryan (MHE, Inc.) and Sugarcreek (Skyline Homes), and manufactured home installations statewide. The Commission's work helps ensure that the installations are completed pursuant to the Federal Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards, which has been a critical factor in reducing consumer complaints. The Commission has also effectively handled manufactured home disputes to resolve homeowner complaints.

As you determine the future of the Commission, I urge you to retain the Commission to continue our mutual mission of providing safe, subsidy-free affordable housing in partnership with HUD's manufactured housing program.

Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me at (202) 402-7112 if there is anything else I can do to assist you.

Sincerely,

Pamela Beck Danner
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