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**House Bill (H.B.) 572 Testimony  
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Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and fellow members of the State and Local Government Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today in support of House Bill 572.

House Bill 572 permits a variety of state and local agencies to waive penalties, electronic filing fees, extend deadlines during our current State of Emergency. These entities include:

- Ohio Public Works Commission
- Ohio Water Development Authority
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- County Auditors
- County Recorders

Additionally, the bill includes an emergency clause.

The flexibility included in the bill will allow these entities critical to the economies and businesses to mitigate stress and concerns brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. And while House Bill 197 granted some flexibility to some of these entities, many of the provisions are due to expire, whereas House Bill 572 would grant the entities this flexibility to help our local homeowners and small businesses throughout the length of the State of Emergency.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House Bill 572. My office is happy to answer any questions the committee members may have.