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County Auditors' Association of Ohio House Ways and Means Committee Written Proponent Testimony HB 197

Chairman Merrin, Vice Chair LaRe, Ranking Member Rogers and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee: The County Auditors' Association of Ohio (CAAO) is pleased to offer support for House Bill 197, legislation making technical and corrective changes to tax sections of the Ohio Revised Code.

Of particular interest to County Auditors are changes to R.C. 323.154 regarding the timing of the Homestead Exemption notification and appeal deadlines. This change makes notification and appeals more in sync with recent changes to the application process. The CAAO appreciates clarity and uniformity when it comes to the Ohio Revised Code, especially changes in the bill that create consistency various tax provisions. We thank the sponsors on their "clean up" bill that clarifies law without making substantive language changes.

The CAAO supports the intent behind HB 197 and the legislation in its current form, and recommends that committee members support the bill.