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Chairman Schuring, Vice Chairman Rulli, and Ranking Member O'Brien, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 76, sponsored by Representative Merrin. Since 1947 the Ohio Manufactured Homes Association (OMHA) has represented all segments of the manufactured housing industry including manufactured homes communities (MHC) that provide affordable housing. Over 900,000 Ohioans live in manufactured homes.

House Bill 76 proposes to require property tax election notices and ballot language to convey a property tax levy's rate in dollars for each \$100,000 of fair market value instead of in dollars for each \$100 of taxable value. It further requires election notices and ballot language to display the estimated amount the levy would collect annually. OMHA supports this effort as our members and homeowners are payors of significant property taxes.

It is safe to state many park owners do not live in the manufactured home parks they own. Therefore, they do not get the opportunity to vote on the tax issues that are proposed by the various local political subdivisions. We believe given the small number of voters that exercise their voting rights during elections it is in all taxpayers' best interest to arm voters with the greatest resource available: information.

Just as when homeowners and park operators are faced with higher utility rates, higher taxes are passed on to the homeowners and tenants/residents of the parks in



the form of higher rents. Furthermore, it is reasonable to ask that political subdivisions (i.e. the government) be required to identify what the amount collected annually will be on each levy.

OMHA views House Bill 76 as fair and taxpayer friendly and we urge your support for the bill.

Thank you, Chairman Schuring, and members of the committee for the opportunity to provide comments in support of House Bill 76.