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HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL 255 PROPONENT TESTIMONY (written only)

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Chair Merrin, Vice Chair Riedel, Ranking Member Sobecki, and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

I am writing to express the support of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio for House Bill 255, which authorizes a county auditor to make the second publication of a county delinquent property tax list online, provided the list's first publication continues to be made in a newspaper of general circulation. A similar change was made to Ohio's competitive bidding law (see R.C. 307.87).

The proposed change maintains necessary due process notifications for property owners while giving counties greater flexibility to utilize a means of communication more suitable for the current digital era in which the public is used to finding information online. This change allows counties to save public resources, particularly when they must provide notice for large numbers of delinquent properties.

CCAO thanks the sponsor, Representative Lipps, for bringing this legislation forward. We urge the committee to favorably report House Bill 255.

Thank you for your attention.



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