



May 12, 2022

RE: Senate Bill 193 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly - Opposition

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is being written in regards to opposition of the subject Senate Bill removing the Board of County Commissioners statutory right to certify unpaid water rates, charges, together with any penalties, to the County Auditor in accordance with Section 6103.02 of the Revised Code.

The proposed Bill is a means to make landlords less responsible for the actions of their tenants and place the administrative responsibility to collect delinquent water charges on the back of the public utilities at the expense of the public utility through additional administrative cost and loss of owed water revenue. This will result in higher user rates for all customers. I believe this Bill may be construed as a use of public funds for private benefit. This Bill should be dismissed with no action taken by the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee

Please contact my office for any questions.

Sincerely,

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