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Senate Bill 10 proponent testimony
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Chairman Roemer, Vice Chair Merrin, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Since 1947 the Ohio Manufactured Homes Association (OMHA) has represented all segments of the manufactured housing industry providing affordable housing to over 900,000 Ohioans living in manufactured homes. On behalf of the Ohio Manufactured Homes Association, I am providing a proponent statement on Senate Bill 10.

OMHA has no position on the bill in total, but seeks to specifically support the provision added in the Senate that changes the language from House Bill 45 last session that sought to expend \$161 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds for rent and utility arrearage assistance for eligible households. The language added in the Senate for this bill requires that funding that is disbursed must be used by December 31, 2023, rather than the previous date of December 31, 2021.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, our residents have struggled to make ends meet to pay their bills, including utility, rent and lot fees in manufactured home parks. OMHA has supported every effort of the General Assembly and the DeWine/Husted Administration to make funds available to renters throughout the state to help them bridge these gaps in their budgets. We appreciate this change and ask for the support of the Ohio House.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, for the opportunity to provide comments on Senate Bill 10, we urge immediate passage.