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**Ohio Senate Local Government Committee
Proponent Testimony – House Bill 101
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Chairwoman O'Brien, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member DeMora, and members of the Senate Local Government Committee, my name is Nick Ciolli, a research analyst with the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony for House Bill 101.

HB 101 modifies the law regarding village dissolution. The main involvement of the county commissioners in the bill is the Transition Supervisory Board (TSB), which will oversee the dissolution of the village. A county commissioner will sit on the board, along with the county recorder and the county auditor.

Handing the duties for managing the transitional period to the TSB is good policy, as it allows county-wide elected officials to resolve debts, settle legal claims, administer taxes levied by the dissolved village, and more. As the budget authority for the county, the board of county commissioners having representation on the TSB is fitting. Part of the authority of the TSB is to ensure that the assets and liabilities of the dissolved village are accurately and fairly reallocated. The county commissioners, along with the recorder and auditor, are well-suited to make those determinations.

CCAO would like to thank Representative Bird and Representative Schmidt for bringing this good-government legislation forward and we respectfully ask this committee to favorably report House Bill 101.

