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Thank you, Madame Chair and distinguished committee members. My name is Deborah Collins, I am an administrator with the Ohio Real Estate Investors Association. I've also been a housing provider for over 20 years in the Cincinnati area. I know many of you have heard from our members through emails and phone calls over the past few months on this topic. I won't apologize for filling up your inboxes, but I do hope it gives you a small understanding as to what a significant issue this is for housing providers across the state.

I don't want to repeat any more of our talking points or give you story after story of residents leaving hundreds or thousands of dollars owed on their utilities. I don't want to call out municipal water companies who have told our members directly that they don't even worry about unpaid renter bills or shutting off services because they know they will ultimately get paid by the property owners. I think you have heard enough of that already, so I will keep my testimony brief.

All I'd like to say today is thank you. Thank you for your engagement with our team and with our members who have reached out. Thank you for your time and consideration on this bill. And thank you for looking for ways to keep housing affordable in Ohio. We are all working towards the same goal of safe, clean, affordable homes in our communities. Bringing this bill to the full senate and voting yes on HB93 will keep us on the right path. So thank you.