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Sponsor Testimony on House Bill 161

Before the House Development Committee

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Chairman Hoops, Vice Chair Lorenz, Ranking Member Abdullahi, and members of the House Development Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 161.

Current law in Ohio only allows hotels to collect a tax that goes directly to the Visitor and Convention Bureau in the county in which that hotel resides.

Representative Jim Thomas and I are introducing a very simple bill that would allow this same tax to be applied to anyone who is staying in a short-term housing rental as well as a hotel. Rep. J. Thomas has the Pro Football HOF in his district and I have East Fork Lake that attracts HS and college rowing teams from around the Midwest for competitions. Many of those who are touring the fun, unique attractions that exist within each of our counties are staying in short term rentals and thus the Visitor and Convention Bureau is missing revenue that they could be using to promote/invite more tourism into the county.

Chairman Hoops and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important resolution.