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County Commissioners Association of Ohio

To Whom It May Concern:

The Hancock County Commissioners are in support of the CCAO platform position which supports HB161. Hancock County has many hotels and motels in the county which currently pay the existing lodging and sales tax. Our county, just like many counties in Ohio, place a high value on tourism.

With that being said, we have a small but growing number of short-term rentals in Hancock County. These short-term rentals are not subject to our 6% lodging tax and 1% sales tax. This doesn't seem right. If some pay, why do others not have to pay? We understand the process that when a law is made changes occur over time requiring a change to be made to the existing law which is why we are in support of HB161.

Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (419) 424-7049.

Board of Hancock County Commissioners

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William L. Bateson, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Hunker", written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey L. Hunker, Vice President